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STRIKE VOTED, NEW CULINARY OFFER MADE

REPORT —TO OUR READER-OWNERS

Beefs Against Chest

One is always hearing some beef against the Community Chest. Labor people contribute to the Chest liberally, as the record show. But one story after another goes the rounds among labor people about the Chest.

Perhaps this feeling has been intensified of late by the fact that the socalled Appeals Board, which the Chamber of Commerce takes the cue from, took a crack at the March of Dimes.

Some labor people, thinking of business men on the Chest directorate, on the Appeals Board, and in the Chamber of Commerce, get the thing all tangled up in their minds, and feel like really doing some damage to each or all of these institutions.

As a matter of fact, all of us in organized labor are pretty sore about the Appeals Board attitude toward the March of Dimes.

We have a feeling that there are some gentry who are down on the March of Dimes because the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis which the March of Dimes finances was founded by a President of the United States whose name was decidedly not Harding, Taft, Coolidge, or Rutherford B. Hayes.

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Blix on "Stock Beefs"

However, it's the Chest we're talking about right now, so let's not get off onto something we could exhibit a lot of hotcollarism on.

With these various beefs that are made about the Chest, and realizing that the subject is really of great importance to organized labor, we have asked Lew Blix, who is labor liaison director for the Chest, to discuss some of these beefs in our columns.

Lew Blix, as many of our readers know, is a delegate to the Central Labor Council, representing Dental Technicians Local 24116.

When we discussed the matter with him, he thought up even more grievances than we had in mind, and gave us a list of 16 of what he calls "stock beefs" against the Chest.

In our next issue we'll start this series of brief pieces by Blix.

When the series gets to going, any reader who has any other beefs will please notify us or Blix.

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Here Are 16 Beefs

Incidentally, you may be interested in looking over the series of 16 "stock beefs" Lew plans to discuss. Here is the list:

1—Administration overhead.
2—Wanton expenditures for luncheons, dinners, etc.
3—Large salaries paid to the staff.
4. Paid solicitors.
5—Expensive advertising and promotional costs.
6—Needless support to agencies that are self-sustaining.
7—Unfilled requests for immediate need from agencies.
8—Large and unnecessary staffs.
9—High rentals.
10—Excessive publicity given to society groups.
11—Additional campaigns by agencies affiliated with the Chest.
12—Confusion by public on "overhead" expenses as related to "service."
13—Double solicitation (at home and at work).
14—Why Cancer, TB, Red Cross and March of Dimes are not included in campaign.
15—What the agencies can handle and what they cannot handle.
16—Quotas and how they are determined.

1090 New Pension Seekers in County

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has voted to ignore the rule made by Mrs. Myrtle Williams, elected State Director of Welfare under Proposition 4, that no county welfare director shall divulge the number of applicants for pensions and blind in the county.

The Supervisors instructed County Welfare Director S. H. Thompson to file weekly reports on the number of applicants, and cost of serving them, and to give the reports to the press.

Thompson's first report, filed this week, shows that there were 1090 new applications for pensions filed in the first two weeks of January as compared with 134 filed in the first two weeks of January last year.

New applications for blind aid this year were 24 as compared with 8 during the corresponding period last year.

At Sacramento, the Department of Social Welfare's budget, submitted to the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, estimated that increased aged and blind pensions costs under Proposition 4 would be about $92,000,000 annually.

Ken Hunter Very Ill

Ken Hunter, member of the CIO Newspaper Guild, and Western representative of the Steelworkers, official publication of the United Steelworkers, is very ill at Permanente Hospital.

Hunter's office is with the Steelworkers in the Pacific building, Oakland.

Beck's Plans Get Publicity In Big Doses

The daily press of the Bay Area was this week publishing many reports on what was alleged to be transpiring in Chicago, where Dave Beck at the head of a big delegation of Teamsters was conferring with his own union members and with representatives of other AFL unions.

The Teamsters were reported to be disclosing plans for organizing a million more workers in a nation-wide campaign which the United Press said it was "believed might throw the Teamsters into sharp jurisdictional conflict with other powerful unions."

Beck as executive vice-president of the Teamsters was said to announce plans for "reorganizing the union along industrial lines to permit negotiation of industry-wide contracts."

DEPARTMENT STORES

In a reference to CIO Amalgamated Clothing workers, recently given jurisdiction over department store clerks by the CIO, Beck was quoted as saying:

"If the CIO can organize department stores from basement to roof, there is only one thing to do. We, too, will organize department stores from basement to roof."

He was quoted, however, as saying, that "the Teamsters don't want any trouble inside or outside the AFL. But we will not back down from trouble."

DRIVE ON CIO WAREHOUSE?

The Call-Bulletin ran an eight-column headline in its Monday issue, "Beck Spurs CIO Union Raid," in red ink, and led off with this:

"A probable new war here between AFL teamsters and Harry Bridges' CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union was heralded in Chicago today when the teamsters announced plans for a full scale membership raid on the CIO and independent unions.

"Preliminary skirmishes between the powerful AFL group and Bridges' union took place here last summer when the teamsters launched a move to organize warehousemen in the CIO territory.

"Today's Chicago announcement, made by Dave Beck, western teamster boss, said the union would seek to double its 1,000,000 membership with a concerted drive for the enrollment of CIO warehousemen as the drive's opening shot."

16 DIVISIONS PROPOSED

The Call-Bulletin declared that at the Chicago conference, "discussion opened on a revolutionary plan to reorganize the Teamsters into 16 coast to coast autonomous divisions by trade category. It is planned that each of the 16 divisions would operate on a national scale with its own regional directors operating under charters from the parent organizations."

The 16 proposed divisions cited were:

1, All teamsters in warehouse; 2, Produce; 3, Over the road; 4, Truckaway; 5, Short haul and local delivery; 6, Garage; 7, Automotive, gasoline and service station; 8, Building and construction; 9, Coal and fuel; 10, Chauffeur and cab; 11, Dairy; 12, Bakery; 13, Beer and soft drinks; 14, Oil and petroleum; 15, Laundry and dry cleaning; 16, Cannery.

BAY LABOR FOLK THERE

Several Teamo representatives from the Bay Area are in attendance at the Chicago conclave, as well as representatives from other unions of the AFL which are affected. There was a general interest among informed labor people in "what's cooking."

Cannery Union To Have $78,000 Home

Vernon Pankey, secretary treasurer of AFL Cannery Workers Local 750, announces that the local has purchased a site covering some 4400 square feet on 17th street between Alice and Harrison streets, for the erection of a headquarters building.

Plans are now being drawn for the structure, to be constructed of reinforced concrete. The first floor will contain a large auditorium with a seating capacity of 450 persons, while the second level will have seven rooms, to be used as office space.

Work on the project is expected to start in February. It was estimated the job would take between four to six months to complete. Cost of the structure was set at approximately $78,000. Architect of the building is Harold E. Camping of the Plymouth Construction Company.

Engineers 39 Get Strike Okay Against Paramount

Operating Engineers Local 39, the stationary engineers local, got strike sanction from the Central Labor Council Monday night against the Paramount Theater.

Business Agent James T. Rivers had outlined to the Council the difficulties encountered in negotiations lasting several weeks.

37 AFL Warehouse Local 853 Men Win Jobs and $448,000

Thirty-seven members of AFL Warehousemen's Local 853 are to be reinstated in jobs at the Colgate-Palmolive-Peet plant in Berkeley and to receive back pay totaling some $448,000.

Such was the decision Monday of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in sustaining a ruling of the National Labor Relations Board to that effect.

GOES BACK TO 1945

The dispute started in July of 1945 when the 37 men were discharged by the company on the insistence of CIO Warehouse Local 6. The CIO local had a contract with the company, and contended that the 37 men had been trying to disrupt the union.

The AFL Chemical Workers Union contended that the majority of the workers in the plant wished to belong to the AFL rather than to the CIO local. It was contended that the men were within their rights, when the CIO contract with the company was being opened, to advocate a different union affiliation.

Warehousemen's Local 853 was later joined by the 37 men, and it is under that local's jurisdiction that the case was finally won.

"IN TERROREM"

The Circuit Court in upholding the NLRB ruling for reinstatement and back pay held that if men were never permitted under any circumstances to advocate joining a different union, it would mean that every member of the union established in a plant lived "in terrorem," that is, cowed and in terror.

Mathew O. Tobriner was attorney for the AFL union in the long litigation.

The plant is at Carlton and Sixth in Berkeley.

Key Tax Proposal Up Again on Feb. 3

The proposed ordinance imposing a 2 percent tax on gross receipts of the Key System will be called up for second reading February 3 by the Oakland City Council. Three readings are required to make it law. The tax would be retroactive to January 1 of last year.

City Manager Hassler asked that the February 3 date be set so that other East Bay cities "will have an opportunity to be heard."

The measure is being considered because it has not been found possible to reach agreement with the utility on terms for a renewal of franchise. The ordinance if adopted would be authorized by Section 151 of the city charter:

"If any person, firm or corporation shall operate a public utility (for which he or it is required by this charter to obtain a franchise) without having first obtained such franchise from the city, the city may establish by ordinance the reasonable amount of percentage that such person, firm or corporation shall pay to the city for the operation of such utility within the city for which a franchise is required, and if such utility shall thereafter fail to pay to the city on demand such amount or percentage of gross receipts which has been so established by ordinance, the city shall have the right to enforce the payment thereof from such person, firm or corporation."

School Employes Name '49 Officers

The Alameda County Employees Local No. 257 at their regular meeting on January 8, 1949, elected and installed the following Officers and Executive Board members to serve for the year 1949.

President—Homer Stevens.
Vice-President—Fred Venturi.
Secretary—Joe Falls.
Treasurer—A. E. Helgeson.
Sgt.-at-Arms—William Gardner.

The following were elected to serve as Executive Board members:

Henry Warnholz, Victor Bartels, John Cordano, Walter Bartle and Lester Finkhohner.

Bay Area Congressmen on 5 Committees of House

Dispatches from Washington this week told of Bay Area Congressmen's assignment to committees of the House as follows:

Armed Services—Franck R. Havenner

District of Columbia—George P. Miller, John J. Allen Jr.

Post Office and Civil Service—George P. Miller.

Public Lands—Richard Welch

Merchant Marine and Fisheries—John J. Allen Jr.

Altogether, Californians are on 15 of the 18 major House committees. There are no Congressmen from this State on the Judiciary, House Administration, or Rules committees.

Of the Bay Area Congressmen, Miller and Havenner are Democrats, Welch and Allen are Republicans. Miller and Allen are on the East Bay side, and Havenner and Welch from San Francisco.

Milk Drivers Meet to Hear Pact Outline

A special membership meeting of Milk Drivers and Dairy Employes Local 302 will be held this (Friday, Jan. 21) evening at 8 p.m. in Cooks Hall, 1604 Webster street, to hear the recommendations of the contract committee.

The contract committee met January 4, 11, and 18, the last named date being Tuesday of this week, to consider suggestions for the renegotiation of the contract, which expires April 1.

This is the big contract of the local, covering 1189 of its 1500 members, and is negotiated with the Alameda County Milk Dealers Association and the Contra Costa County Milk Dealers Association.

The ice cream agreement covering some members of the local is also being opened.

Notice will be given by the local on February 1, 60 days before expiration of the big contract, under Taft-Hartley Law provisions.

COMMITTEE WORKING

For consideration of possible contract changes, Secretary Jeff Cohelan says that President Raymond Cirimelli has named a 15-man committee composed of a cross-section of classifications and plants throughout the Alameda and Contra Costa area. Following is a list of committee members:

Joe Terra, Rudolph Vannucci, John Iaconis, Walter Kaiser, Manuel Martin, Joe Mingham, John Drushal, Harry Powell, Don Young, Bill Correia, Ernie Carlson, William Angel, Henry Steinkamp, Al Lowrie, Jack Hughes.

DATA ANALYZED

This committee meets with the executive board which in turn is composed of the officers of the union and two business agents. Altogether this amounts to a 24-man committee. Cohelan's office proceeds to accumulate data pertaining to facts concerning membership distribution and wage data.

Attitudes and needs, as reflected in a membership survey sent out annually, are tabulated and interpreted.

Business conditions, production levels and other pertinent economic information are studied by the group in the process of examining the agreement in consideration of the possibility of revision.

State Chamber in Attack on Budget

(Editor's Note: The State Chamber of Commerce has opened up its guns on President Truman's budget. Guess about the only thing to do is to shut down the Federal Government, and Let Russia and the State Chamber of Commerce run the work! Anyway, here's the Chamber's release on the subject:)

If President Truman's proposed 42 billion-dollar federal budget should be approved unchanged by Congress, Alameda county's federal tax obligation for the next fiscal year will be about $252,415,000, or a per capita of $341 for each man, woman and child residing in the county, according to a statement released today by Robert H. Fouke, San Francisco, tax committee chairman of the California State Chamber of Commerce's Central Coast Council.

"California's indicated share of the proposed federal budget is approximately $3,100,000,000," Fouke said. "This amount is between five and six times the total of all county, city, school district and special district taxes levied in California last year for all local government units."

Haggerty Member Of National Board

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Four unionists are now members of the federal committee on apprenticeship, Secretary Tobin said. Fred N. Aten, Railway Employes Department-AFL president; John P. Frey, president, Metal Trades Division-AFL; John Green, president of Industrial Union of Marine Workers-CIO; and C. J. Haggerty, California Federation of Labor secretary are members of the national labor-management apprenticeship policy making body.

School Hazard Hearing Feb. 9

Committee on Education Has Harmonious Session With Board; BTC Praises Board's Labor Relations; Rutledge Criticizes Committee and Labor Journal

Business Representative J. C. Reynolds of the Building Trades Council informed The Labor Journal this week that whatever criticism might be made of the Oakland Board of Education on other grounds, "relations of the AFL building trades with School Board Business Manager Don Rice have always been of the best sort possible."

Hughie Rutledge, business representative of Painters Local 127, sent a letter to The Labor Journal calling attention to the good relations the AFL building trades have always had with Rice, and criticizing the Citizens Committee on Education.

Following is Rutledge's letter:

Editor, Labor Journal:

Since my discussion with you last week regarding your recent published article anent the Oakland Board of Education I have given the matter much consideration.

I have also discussed this matter with various other labor representatives particularly those in the building trades industry and I find that they also have been disturbed by these articles. I will try and enlighten you as to why this protest was entered by myself and in turn approved by this local union.

Firstly, in regard to the condition of the school property. It is certainly no secret and of very little news value that many of the Oakland school are not modern buildings and should be replaced. These buildings are being maintained by a union crew of building trades mechanics and at this point you and all our readers should know that relations between the various building trades representatives and the Board of Education as handled by their Business Manager Don Rice have been to my knowledge for the past 13 years on a perfectly harmonious base. Our problems have been given full consideration and working conditions, wages etc. are the best of any in California.

You can readily see that our position becomes untenable when our own paper criticizes the board for something they have no control over, in the face of these excellent relations.

We therefore request that in the matter of these old buildings being replaced you criticize the taxpayers of our fair city for not providing more funds for the board to work with. I am sure if you look into the matter with Mr. Rice he will inform you that what money is available is being used to the best advantage possible.

Secondly, in regard to statements furnished you by representatives of the group of disgruntled citizens parading under the non de plume of the Citizens Committee on Education. In line with my duty I have attended a meeting of this group and I am of the opinion that they do not have and do not want full information on the subject of education in Oakland. My reason for this thought is that at the last meeting of this committee a report was made that the 1933 State Architects report had brought no results in the matter of changes in the present structures.

This is entirely erroneous as can be easily determined by a visit to the office of the business manager of the board.

Thirdly and last, It is my opinion that this Citizens Committee is formed only as a political pressure group to influence the coming city elections and has no interest in the Oakland Board of Education, its present structures, or its method of operation.

In conclusion it is the opinion of this local union that in matters of local civic activities that you contact representatives of local unions other than those who have political aspirations before publishing statements and articles that have no foundation of fact.

I shall be glad to continue to discuss this matter further with you at your pleasure.

Very truly yours,
HUGH S. RUTLEDGE,
Business Representative,
Painters Local 127

(Editor's Note: An editorial on the School Board discussion will be found on page six of this issue.)

PUBLIC MEETING SET

A subcommittee of the Citizens Committee on Education attended the Board of Education meeting Tuesday afternoon, and it was agreed that the Board would hold a public meeting to discuss alleged fire hazards in school buildings at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday February 9. The place for the meeting will be announced later.

The subcomittee of the Citizens Committee consisted of Thomas Maguire, East Oakland businessman; Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, of the West Oakland Improvement Club; Mrs. L. S. Riley; and Marion Botta.

The session was very harmonious, Board members expressing a desire to have the whole question of the safety of the school buildings discussed thoroughly before the public.

ODELL INTERIM HEAD

The Board at the Tuesday meeting passed a motion making Dr. William R. Odell "interim superintendent" at a salary of $675 a month and expenses on a part-time basis until a new superintendent is chosen. Dr. Odell has already assumed the duties at Stanford University for which he resigned the superintendency.

The Central Labor Council and the Citizens Committee on Education have been urging the appointment of William S. Briscoe, formerly of the Oakland school system, but now head of the Santa Monica school system, to succeed Odell.

Children Give Aid To Themselves By Dimes March Gifts

March of Dimes Release

The importance of school participation in the current March of Dimes is stressed by John F. Hassler, chairman of the infantile paralysis appeal in Alameda County.

"In past campaigns children have been leaders in giving. This year, with so many of their classmates stricken with polio during the worst epidemic in the history of the nation, we are looking to them to establish a new record," Hassler said.

He pointed out that most elementary, junior and senior high school students have received, or will receive within the next few days, colorful red, white and blue coin cards for "easy" March of Dimes giving. These will be distributed through classroom teachers, and may be filled with as many as five dimes and returned to school for collection by campaign officials.

To mark them as March of Dimes contributors, children will receive lapel buttons when they return their cards, Hassler revealed.

He urged parents to help children make their polio donations, for "a successful March of Dimes drive is the only insurance any of us have against dread polio.

"More than 27,000 persons were stricken with polio in this nation last year. More than 6,000 of these victims were Californians, 240 of them residents of Alameda County. Many of them would have gone without proper care had there not been March of Dimes funds on hand to provide it," Hassler said.

He pointed out that a portion of the money raised during the annual drive is used for education and research into the causes and cures for infantile paralysis. "Until these research projects are brought to a successful conclusion, none of us will be safe from this dread disease," Hassler said.

Headquarters for the Alameda County March of Dimes have been established in Room 341, Hotel Leamington, Oakland.

Knowland One of 6 Opposing Acheson

Senator Knowland of California was one of the six Republican Senators voting against the confirmation of Dean Acheson as Secretary of State Tuesday. The vote was 83 to 6. The other five were: Bridges, N. H.; Capehart, Ind.; Jenner, Ind.; Langer, N. D.; and Wherry, Neb.

Employers in New Bid When Walkout Voted 3042 to 685

The culinary unions having voted 3042 to 685 for a strike last week, the hotel, restaurant, and tavern owners this week raised the bid.

The new offer was $1 a day increase for the bartenders, and 50 cents a day increase for the cooks, waiters, and waitresses, with 25 cents on the short shifts where they exist.

A strategy committee has been set up, and International Organizer C. T. McDonough remains on the job keeping in touch with the crucial situation.

The vote to strike if necessary was taken Wednesday of last week, and followed meetings at the Oakland Auditorium where the issue was discussed.

3 LOCALS AFFECTED

At first the employers made no offers at all, contending that the industry was doing poorly, and could not afford to pay any wage increase. But as the unions toughened in their insistence, offers began to be made.

The three locals affected are Bartenders 52, Cooks 228, and Culinary Alliance 31.

Building Trades Invite Secy. Tobin To East Bay Event

The Building Trades Council at its meeting Tuesday night concurred in an invitation the Joint Apprenticeship Committee is extending to Secretary of Labor Tobin to speak at a mass graduation of apprentices in Oakland.

The graduation ceremony has been tentatively set for May 17 to 24. A large number of apprentices, many of them in the building trades, will be graduated.

STATE CONVENTION

Business Representative J. C. Reynolds reported on sessions of the Steering and Organization Committees of the State Building Trades Council, and of plans for holding the State convention at Santa Barbara in the summer.

Reynolds is a member of the Organizational Committee. The two committees were chosen by State BTC President Frank A. Lawrence.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED

Among various legislative proposals the committees weighed, said Reynolds, was one to create a Joint Legislative Committee on Apprentice Training in California, and defining the powers and duties of the committee.

It was held that "it is desirable that the Legislature acquire and have available accurate and detailed information concerning possibly needed or desirable changes in the scope, or extension or amplification of the scope, of these plans, based upon experience gained during the last ten years and a possibly growing need for trained workmen in increased numbers."

Elector Bob Ash Attends Inaugural

Presidential Elector Robert S. Ash was in Washington this week attending the inauguration of the man for whom he cast one of California's 25 electoral votes.

Before leaving his office at the Labor Temple Saturday, the secretary of the Central Labor Council received an invitation from Senator William McGrath of Rhode Island, national chairman of the Democratic Party, to attend a gathering to meet all members of the Democratic National Committee.

Elector Ash also received invitations to the inaugural ball, to the testimonial dinner, and to other inaugural affairs.

While in Washington the CLC secretary will see President William Green and Secretary George Meany of the American Federation of Labor on matters in which local organized labor is interested.

MORE LOCAL NEWS ON PAGES 2 AND 3

Nothing Personal

As one sits down to do a weekly stint of a column the size of Nothing Personal, one racks their brain for items that the writer might have heard, news about individuals in the AFL labor movement and any and all tidbits that might be interesting to those reader-owners of the Labor Journal. Sometimes good informants in and around the Temple keep us informed of all social happenings and the gossip that goes on and on about individuals, unions and what's doing in the labor movement. At other times those same informants clam up as we approach and haven't a thing to report or say and in those particular instances the writing of this column is made a wee bit harder.

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This week, our ace informant was a bit on the quiet side and only gave us a lot of short items that we had to strain our ears to catch. We missed a lot of them and our boy just wouldn't repeat 'em, so here goes on what Operator X informed us what was news in and around 23rd and Valdez Streets. We were told that . . . Bob Ash of the CLC and Ruby Hall of the Hayward Culinary Workers were both in Washington attending the inauguration of President Harry S. . . . and that Ash had appointments with both William Green and George Meany to discuss local matters of interest to the AFL.

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Political gossip is becoming quite a sport around the Temple with "certain" announced candidates, present office holders and so-called bosses visiting the Temple and shaking hands with their Labor friends. . . . There is talk of a Labor backed ticket for both the City of Alameda election and the Berkeley election, plus a full "labor backed slate" for the Oakland election in April. . . , Many unions that have never heretofore "met" in the Labor Temple are now meeting there, either attracted to it by the newness of the building or by the fact that at long last the AFL has a modern-up-to-date spot with swell meeting halls.

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The first union in the new temple was Oakland Typographical Union No. 36 followed in a day by the East Bay Labor Journal, both of which got in on the ground floor (no run intended) . . . Oaklands popular Mayor, Joseph E. Smith was at the Temple last Friday night speaking before a union and afterward spent quite a while inspecting the new Temple and voiced not only hearty approval but a lot of commendation as well . . . Henry Simpson and his membership were a bit disappointed last week when they had their mouths set for a clam feed after their meeting, but due to the freezing weather it was impossible to get the clams 'cause the beds were all frozen over . . . (Now that's one we would have a hard time swallowing, but Henry says it's so and he should know) . . . J. C. Reynolds spent the week end in the Southland, (L. A. and vicinity) and evidently had quite a time . . . Al Fowler is beginning to get the kinks straightened out at the new temple and things are running much smoother . . . with the tension of settling easing off bit by bit.

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It looks like the Building Trades Office will be the last office "fixed up" as all the rest seemed to be at least partially settled . . . Charlie Omstead and Harris Wilkin have been in Chicago attending a big meet of the Clerks Union . . . Bill Fee was commended highly for his assistance to both the Culinary Unions and the Carmens union in their disputes . . . George Durand of the Carmens union has "little" regard for the columnists that abound in both of Oakland newspapers and spent quite a few minutes telling the CLC delegates all about it last Monday night . . . All of labor is pushing the March of Dimes Drive and a lot of delegates to the BTC and CLC are quite burned up over the Oakland appeals board denying

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Dressing Room Chatter Back!

"Dressing Room Chatter" is back!

"Dressing Room Chatter" which for over two years featured the low down on the higher-ups as well as the rest of the personnel in Alameda County and part of Contra Costa county's theatres and places of amusement returns with this issue.

To the many readers who inquired about its absence we say "Thanks!" Although originally written for the benefit of the membership of Theatrical Employees's Union Local B-82 I. A. T. S. E., "Chatter" gained a large following outside of the amusement business, the extent of which was never fully realized until it stopped and inquiries came.

The writer of "Dressing Room Chatter" says:

"We're not promising to make this a weekly feature again, that will depend on the caliber of material on hand, but we won't take such a long vacation unless our boss, and incidentally our only boss, you the reader dictate such orders to us."

Dressing Room Chatter will be found on page 2.

March of Dimes — ***Polio Weapons***



The ultra-centrifuge, which spins at 60,000 revolutions per minute, is a valuable weapon in polio research. When the virus has been precipitated it is studied through the electron microscope which magnifies 200,000 diameters.

In treatment of patients the rocking bed supplements the respirator, or iron lung, with highly beneficial results. The Hubbard tank, where water buoyancy aids proper exercise of affected muscles, is invaluable in rehabilitation.

Inside News of A. F. L. Labor Unions and Auxiliary Organizations

DRESSING ROOM CHATTER

This week we bow to the dictates of our readers, at least temporarily and present for your approval for the first time since the issue of August 20, 1948—your column.

We say temporarily, as continued publication will depend upon the degree of cooperation we receive from our working members in furnishing us with material for this column.

Our old friend Eddy Chew who wrote a column for the New Year's edition which was never submitted to the Labor Journal summed it up pretty well when he wrote, "We're going to take some notes on members, add some little anecdotes about theatre life, toss in a jigger of criticism of what we don't like and cover with happy orchids to what we enjoy, and serve to the membership."

At the risk of offending some nationality that may be omitted, or worse yet offending some nationality that is included but incorrectly saluted, we pass on Ed's novel opening for that column.

"Gung Hay Fat Choy!" (Chinese).
"Guten Ferientag!" (German).
"Boun Natale!" (Italian).
"Nodlog Sona Duit!" (Gaelic).
"Joyeux Noell!" (French).

Or in plain Americanized-English, we're wishing you and yours, season's greetings and "Happy New Year!"

Ed admonishes the membership that this new series success will depend on them—the readers. He states that we'll need plenty of items and your assistance in furnishing us with little notes about members in your theatre—birthdays, weddings, infanticipations etc.

One of the reasons we hid our editorial light behind a bushel was lack of cooperation on just the points that Ed enumerates, resulting in too great a repetition of the same names and locales of employment. Our old readers will remember our dealings with Mr. X, if we had anything better to write about we probably wouldn't have utilized him as much as we did.

Up and down the aisle . . . Ralph McCain, was tabbed the "Walking Man" after making the rounds on his own in order to gather some material as a sign of his sincere desire to see us back in print . . . For the 120th edition of Dressing Room Chatter he submitted the following: Mr. Dyke of the managerial staff of the Central is the proud father of a fine baby boy . . . What girl in the same house has Smoke-y in her eyes? . . . Dave Barbiero is the new chief of staff at the Telenews . . . Jean Parker Karvis of the Orpheum has cupid dated, but won't commit herself to a date . . . From the Oakland he finds Kay Palfini back on the job, after recuperating from a recent illness . . . Leroy Dixon, veteran theatre doorman has been back on the day shift in the same house for three months . . . Don Huber, formerly of the Telenews is holding down the day door shift at the Paramount . . . While Bea Tambory former head usherette is now gracing the Senator box-office . . . Thanks Ralph . . . Helen Perez is the new candy counter attendant at the Roxie . . . June Guyton leaving the Esquire counter to be replaced by another old timer in the person of Jean Lynn, formerly of the T & D and Ball Park . . . Seen around town: The Walking Man asking the manager at the Orpheum: How long have you been a doorman? . . . Another managerial shake-up in the Golden State Theatre Circuit finds Frank Galvan replacing Manager Ceccarelli at the Fruitvale, while Ray Cooke moves into the Fairfax, vacated by Galvan . . . "Chick" Ceccarelli will return to his old stamping grounds at the Hopkins . . . Young Hampton Ford, formerly of the Hopkins is slated to take over the Capitol, vacated by Cooke. Other changes are in the air but if we can't say something nice, we're not going to mention G. D. except to say that the employes in the houses where changes have been announced are breathing easier these days . . . More next time, depending upon you.

'WATCH IT' WITH WATCHMAKERS

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

It seems that the Union is going to have a real election for officers at the meeting on January 27th.

This is the first time we have had so many candidates running for office in this Local Union. At the present time we have three members running for President, two members running for Vice-President and nine members nominated for the Executive Board.

It seems that our Local is experiencing the same type of election campaigns that take place in other unions, inasmuch as there are malicious and false stories being circulated regarding certain candidates running for office.

This is something I certainly do not like to hear about because we have always prided ourselves in the outspoken, democratic, non-secretive manner in which we have conducted this Union for the past thirteen years.

In keeping with the policy as adopted by the membership in the past, I am confident the members will elect the officers that they feel worthy of holding the position they seek.

To enable the members to know the candidates running for President and Vice-President, I will attempt to give you a brief outline of their past Union activities. Names appear as they will be on the ballot.

RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT:

JAMES GLASSER—Has served as the Vice-President for the past year, which carries with it the chairmanship of the Executive Board. Previous to this, he was elected to the Executive Board for a number of years. Glasser has also served as the delegate to all the Pacific Coast Council meetings and has acted as an alternate on the Samuel Gompers School Committee.

CHARLES SUNDBERG—Is one of the original charter members of the Union but from time to time has seen fit to leave us and migrate north to Oregon on different business ventures. Sundberg has always returned to us as he did the past year, and is again taking active part in the Union.

HARRY WURTHMANN — Charter member of the Union and is at present President of the Union, in which capacity he has served for a number of years. Wurthmann also serves as a member of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee and attends the Executive Board meetings.

RUNNING FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

CLYDE BROWN—Has been a member of the Union for a little over two years. He has previously run for office, but up until the present time has never been elected. He served on the Party Committee the past year.

CHARLES HANSEN—Has been a member of this Union for just over three years and was elected to serve as a member of the Executive Board for the past year.

The column would become entirely too long to write an individual piece about each om the members nominated for the Executive Board, but I am listing them below as they will appear on your ballot. Incumbent Board members are designated with an asterisk. Seven are to be elected.

*EMIL BALANGERO—Working for Milens.
*WARREN BILLINGS—Proprietor.
ALEX BOZANT—Working for Davidson & Licht.
CLYDE BROWN—Working for Granat Bros.
*OSCAR HANSEN—Working for Samuels.
MICHAEL KILLIAN—Working for Maceys.
WILLIAM MAXWELL—Proprietor.
ALVENOR SILVA—Working for Tigges.
*CHRIS VIAR—Crystal Cutter, Working for Granat Bros.

OFFICE NOTES, LOCAL 29

Endorsement was given the March of Dimes by Local 29 at their last regular meeting. This is such a worthwhile movement that any urging or editorializing on the subject seems unnecessary, but anyway, just don't forget to drop a dime or whatever you can spare in the collection cans every time you pass one.

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A union shop election was recently won by a vote of 16 to 1 at the Richmond Independent which is now owned by and known as the Owens Publishing Company, according to a report made by Business Agent Kinnick. A new contract has also been negotiated with the firm which provides for an improved overtime clause, pro-ration of vacation upon termination, and sick leave after 3 months instead of 6 months. The contract contains a number of wage progressions so it has now been written into the contract that all new employes shall be given full credit for time previously worked in their classification. Present employes were given the same credit for previous experience so many received increases through reclassification in addition to raises ranging from $2.00 to $9.50 and averaging $4.00 per week. Average wage of those covered by this contract is now $234.00.

A contract has been signed by the newly organized Creamcrest Dairy and that dairy now deserves the patronage of union members. The unionization of this plant won increases of from $20 to $50 per month for the office employes. Severance pay was also won for two employes recently discharged.

Secretary - Treasurer Colliver reported that he and President Phalen had met with the Richmond Housing Commissioners on January 5th and that agreement had been reached relative to minor changes suggested in Washington. The contract has again been sent to Washington for signature. Numerous friends of the union have been contacted there requesting that they lend their good offices to obtaining early consideration and signing of the contract.

The contract with Marine Steel has been renewed with increases of 12½c and 14c an hour being won by the union. A decision has not been handed down in the arbitration proceedings with Todd-Pacific Shipbuilding Co., and negotiations are continuing with Consolidated Freightways and Interstate Utilities Co.

A letter regarding Social Security benefits was read and it was suggested that any member having any questions regarding their rights under the Social Security Act should contact their union office. It was pointed out that one member recently won 5 weeks unemployment pay through an appeal taken by your union when that member was denied unemployment benefits because she refused to take a substandard, non-union position substantially below her capabilities.

It was also reported that both of our delegates to the Northern California Council of Office Employes have been elected to office in the Council. John Kinnick has been re-elected President and Roslin Briley elected Trustee in the Council.

Nominations for officers of your local union will be held at your next two meetings. First nominations will be made at the Oakland meeting next Wednesday, January 26. The meeting place is the same address as your new office, 1918 Grove street. Be sure to attend . . . plan to vote.

Applications are still being taken for the Permanente Health Plan with coverage to start in February. However this will absolutely be the last opportunity to join until June. This plan has been working out well with the brothers who have joined and we again urge all members to have some kind of health coverage. There is nothing in the world more aggravating than to scrimp and save up a thousand dollars over a period of twenty years and then have the doctor take it away in twenty minutes. Health insurance will prevent this happening.

Work conditions remain as bad or worse than last week. It appears that we are again reaching the normal condition of finding that when you get laid off in the Christmas weeks you probably will stay out of work for a month or so at least. Many of the brothers are drawing their unemployment insurance at this time which has been increased to a maximum of twenty five dollars per week. While this amount does not anywhere near take care of expenses we advise the brothers to at least draw this sum which will help out a little. A resolution was presented by this local to the State Federation of Labor requesting that this amount be raised to a maximum of forty dollars per week. This resolution was approved and steps are now being taken to put this bill into the Legislature.

We still have a good many of the brothers who have no address in the office and do not receive this paper. If you know of one of these brothers please have him phone his address into the office.

First quarters dues are now being collected in the office, and don't forget to ask for the card.

CARPENTERS' AUXILIARY No. 160

Carpenters' Ladies' Auxiliary No. 160 held their regular monthly executive meeting at the home of Mae Bristow. President, Jean Kinney, financial secretary, Flo Bartalini, recording secretary, Mary Nall, conductor, Diana Holder, assistant conductor, Nathalie Stenling, press correspondent, Mae Bristow were present at the meeting.

A hot lunch of tamales and all that goes with them was enjoyed by all present. After lunch business taken care of by those present.

Meeting was called to order by President Jean Kinney.

A bingo party at the home of President Jean Kinney on the afternoon of February 1, 1949, was decided on as our next activity. Jean will serve "coffee and cookies" at 12:30. Play will begin at 1 o'clock. Score cards will be 35 cents. Try and be at this bingo. A very good time is promised and nice prizes.

At last we have received a report on the lace tablecloth which was raffled off by the State Council. Mrs. Larnia Suslit, 983 E. Euclid, Pasadena, Calif., was the lucky lady.

Chaplain Esther Dedman and Trustee Ruth Thompson could not attend the meeting as they were both fighting colds. Agnes Elzig, our trustee, was very tired, as she had been having company from the South.

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING AT THE HOME OF NATHALIE STENLING, 1634 - 84th avenue. February 9, 1949, the date.

January 14 was social night. Not as large a crowd attended as usual but that was understandable as the men were voting and many voted early and returned home. Even if there were not many ladies present they made up for it by having a grand time. Delicious sandwiches, made by Agnes Anderson, were served with coffee and all went home happy. Some with prizes but all saying a good word for the committee.

Reports from Bert Shumake are good. He is coming along nicely and we hope he will be patient and continue to improve.

Remember our next meeting is the first business meeting of 1949. Make an effort to be there even if it is cold. Important things will be brought up and you should be there to express yourself.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM OUR PRESIDENT, JEAN KINNEY: Many of our members have spoken of the meeting starting late, so OUR NEXT MEETING WILL START PROMPTLY AT 8:00 O'CLOCK or AS SOON AS WE HAVE A QUORUM PRESENT. Please cooperate and be on time.

Always remember to BUY UNION FROM UNION STORES AND CLERKS. ASK FOR UNION MADE GOODS.

REMEMBER! Bingo, February 1, 1949, 12:30, at 2237 E. 21st street. No. 15 bus from town.

MAE A. BRISTOW,
Press Correspondent.

STROKES FROM THE BRUSH OF LOCAL 127

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

The following brothers on the sick list at the present time: Russell Bishop, Frank Bonner, John Cerrelli, Robert Coursey, Walter Cavanaugh, Frank Carey, Walter Davisson, Louis Daniels, E. H. Fullmer, Oren Ferguson, William Fowler, Emil Falk, Virgil Johnson, George Jones, Fred Leithoff, W. B. Longstreth, C. R. Manslr, Antone Maciel, J. C. Adams, Ray Shearer, C. B. Taylor, Harry Thomas, W. R. Van Valer and G. McIntyre.

Arrangements have been completed for our annual dance and entertainment which will be held in the new Labor Temple at 2315 Valdez St., this Saturday night, January 22. Dancing will start at 8 P. M, with the floor show coming on at 9. During the festivities the entertainment committee will present 25 year membership buttons to 50 of the brothers who are eligible for these lapel pins. We still are forced to request the brothers to leave their wraps etc. in their cars as we do not have these facilities completed in the new Temple. Refreshments will be served and we are sure that the brothers will have a good time.

Carmen and Key in Arbitration Case

Carmen's Division 192 has submitted to arbitration a dispute with Key System over one day of vacation which the company deducted from the operating members as the result of the 1947 strike. The company contended that since the men were off the major part of a month, under contract terms they should lose a day's pay.

The union contested the interpretation and pointed out that the company had not made such a deduction from the maintenance workers' pay.

CLC Assistant Secretary William P. Fee is the labor man on the arbitration committee, the employers have a man, and the third man is Jay Darwin, attorney.

In-and-Out Telephone Union Gets Contract

The Telephone Traffic Employes Organization is recognized as bargaining agent for more than 11,000 telephone workers in Northern California and Nevada in an 18-month contract signed with the Pacific Telephone Company. The members are telephone operators.

The union is now affiliated with the CIO Telephone Workers Organizing Committee. Formerly it was an individual union, affiliated with no other. Then it joined the independent National Federation of Telephone Workers which is now called the Communications Workers of America. Then it joined the CIO American Communications Association, seceding from that allegedly leftist group to join up with the CIO Telephone Workers Organizing Committee.

Throughout its many changes the union has been led by Marie De Martini.

The new agreement provides wage increases up to $5 a week.

The contract includes liberalized leaves of absence, payment of carfare to employes working split hours, improved grievance machinery, fuller recognition of seniority and other contract improvements, it was announced.

Bay Area Factory Force Drops 12,000 in Year

State Govt. Release

Factory employment declined in December in the San Francisco Bay Industrial Area, Paul Scharrenberg, Director of Industrial Relations, announced. The number of production workers in all manufacturing industries combined dropped by 900 to 109,100 in December.

The area factory force this December was almost 12,000 below the year-ago total of 120,900. Most of this year-to-year decrease was concentrated in the shipbuilding and food products groups. Three industries, iron and steel, printing and publishing, and automobiles, showed a higher employment level this December than a year ago.

With the exception of the apparel industry, employment in every industry group in the non-durable goods division decreased or remained the same between November and December. Primarily reflecting seasonal contraction in canning and losses in other food products groups, the factory force in nondurable goods industries as a whole dropped by 1,400 to 52,700 in December.

The number of wage earners at work in nondurable goods plants this December was 4,600 below a year ago.

Gains in shipbuilding and repair more than offset losses in every other durable goods group so that factory employment in the durable goods division as a whole rose slightly to 56,400 in December from 55,900 the preceding month.

The current level in durable goods industries is 7,200 below that of December 1947.

Machinists Launch Education Program

The Machinist

The most carefully prepared educational program in the history of the Machinists Union will be launched during January by the Grand Lodge Educational Department, I. A. M. President Harvey W. Brown announced this week.

This program will begin with a series of Educational and Training Institutes conducted by Tom Tippet, I. A. M. Educational Director, at key points throughout the United States and Canada.

About 30 Grand Lodge Representatives, Traveling Auditors, General Chairmen and District Presidents will be assigned to attend each institute.

Tippett and William O'Connell, assistant educational director, have spent more than 18 months familiarizing themselves with the history and operational procedure of the Machinists Union in preparation for this program, Mr. Brown explained.

"By bringing together the top personnel of our organization and, with the aid of modern educational techniques, sharing our experiences and conclusions with one another, we expect that each one of us will be better able to serve our membership," the I. A. M. President declared.

Each institute will run for four consecutive days, each day being given over to a consideration of a different phase of union activities.

The institute schedules will be:

First day—The Historical Background of Labor in the United States.

Second day—Organizing.

Third day—Negotiating an Agreement with Management.

Fourth day—Enforcing the Agreement (What the union does between agreements to assure the full benefits to the membership.)

Vice President Sam Newman will assign the men to attend the first session, which will be held during the third week of January.

Other Vice Presidents are now working out the number and location of the institutes to be held in their territories.

Labor-Managem't School Of USF Opens March 1

University of S. F. Release

The Labor-Management School of the University of San Francisco will open its Spring Session on March 1. The Session will last for ten weeks with classes held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:45 p.m. Courses are open to union members, representatives of management and those directly connected with labor-management relations.

Subjects offered include Moral Principles of Industrial Peace, Basic Economic Ideas, Some Problems in Employer-Employes Relations, Federal Labor Laws, The Art of Straight Thinking, English, Parliamentary Practice, and Public Speaking.

Classes will be held on the University of San Francisco campus, 2130 Fulton Street. No previous educational requirements are necessary, and no tuition fees are charged. Registration will be conducted on February 19 and 20, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. For a circular giving full information write to the Labor-Management School University of San Francisco, San Francisco 17, California, or phone SKyline 1-1663.

Union Boosts Attendance By Having Baby Sitters

Recently The Labor Journal published an account by William Spooner, president of Culinary Alliance Local 31, of how that local found it a very good thing to have a baby sitter on hand to take care of the children of women members attending meetings of the union.

Now comes word from the East: "An auto union local in Ohio used to hold its meetings at night. As fewer and fewer members began to show up, someone was inspired to set up a nursery near the meeting hall and change the meeting time to Saturday afternoon. Now, while the children are entertained by baby sitters, union members and their wives participate in the meetings. Result: 50% boost in attendance."

Much News of Many People!

SHIPBUILDING ON COAST will be fought for by a single agency being set up to promote the growth of all San Francisco Bay ports, says the Maritime Committee of the Bay Area Council. The AFL Metal Trades Council is cooperating in the effort to have a share of shipbuilding allotted to this coast.

HERBERT W. ERSKINE, Oakland Democratic attorney, has been nominated by President Truman for the Federal District Judgeship made vacant by the retirement of Judge A. F. St. Sure.

POSSIBLE FARE RAISE on S. F. Muni Lines should be studied, says Mayor Robinson of that city. Mayor wants to know if a raise is "justified or practical." Muni went in the hole $5,167,568 in the last year.

ASSEMBLYMAN FRANCIS DUNN, member of Painters Local 127, is the man who introduced in the Legislature a series of bills which would increase the maximum of weekly unemployment insurance payments from the present $25 to $40. State Fed backs these bills.

HANDICAPED VETERANS could be hired more often than they are, says the California State Employment Service. Information on professional, commercial and clerical jobs may be obtained by calling GLencourt 1-3782; for industrial jobs, GLencourt 2-1716.

LOAN SHARK question raised by Governor Warren is of interest to labor folk who have occasionally had to borrow to survive. Governor says he wants the question investigated by people opposed to the "high-raters," not by the sharks themselves, and says: "I believe I have a sound concept of how greasy and oily the loan sharks are."

RIGHTIST MARITIME WORKERS are organizing "The Maritime Democratic Committee," says one Joe Maldonado, secretary of the group, and a member of Harry Bridges' CIO Longshore and Warehouse Union.

HIGHER BUS FARES on six major lines will go into effect February 1 by authorization of the State Public Utilities Commission. Commuter rates not affected. New rates apply to one-way and round-trip fares on rides of 200 miles and less.

BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT bill has been introduced in Legislature by eight Senators from the area, including Oakland Senator Breed. Provides for setting up rapid transit district in metropolitan areas so whole transportation system can be integrated. Due for lots of scraps in Legislature.

MYRTLE WILLIAMS, elected State Welafre Director under Proposition No. 4 in the last election, has cracked down on country welfare offices giving out any figures on the number of people applying for pensions under the new law. She says 3359 applied in Los Angeles county within a period, and the county welfare man down there said 9000 applied in the same period, and they had to hire 190 clerks to handle the rush. Myrtle Williams says these unauthorized county figures might "conflict with official news." **(Editor's Note: Oh, oh!)**

STEAM SCHOONER STRIKE started 143 days ago, if our count is correct. AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific settled for a wage boost and a $7.50 monthly "clothing allowance," and the independent Marine Firemen nad the CIO Radio Officers also settled some time ago, but the CIO Marine Cooks went on bargaining.

AFL TAXI DRIVERS in San Mateo county as the result of a very short strike now get a guarantee of $8.50 a day instead of $8.

WHOLESALE FOOD PRICE index in a recent week was the lowest it's been since May, 1947. Unions figure they'll hear a great deal about that from the employers during bargaining sessions.

INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH has expanded to the point that there are now 135 engineering laboratories in Northern California, it was brought out a conference in the Bay Area. Industries today spend about 2 per cent of their gross incomes on research. For every dollar put into research it's calculated to take $10 to test the findings in a pilot plant, and $100 per original research dollar to build a production plant to put out the thing that's been developed.

OAKLAND'S LOW TEMPERATURES aren't really any lower than those in S. F., says the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, but in S. F. they keep the official thermometer in a nice warm protected place, while in Oakland it's kept out in the cold at the airport.

1949 NAM PRESIDENT Walter F. Bennett was in the Bay Area recently, talking about the need for workers understanding the problems their employers are up against. Bennett, who lives in Salt Lake City, owns a paint and glass firm employing 200 people, heads a Ford selling agency and a jewelry concern, and is vice-president of an investment company. His line is to talk about the need for good relations between management and labor.

PG&E AND PT&T are both running into business opposition in their demand for higher rates. **(Editor's Note: Ever notice how the business crowd will always denounce two things: 1. Public ownership of public utilities; 2. Privately owned utilities for a boost in rates.)**

AFL CARMEN in S. F., employes of Muni Lines, have been making the municipal authorities do a lot of second-thinking on their original plan of appealing a Superior Court decision legalizing a wage increase of 11.6 cents an hour. Finally got around to Mayor Robinson telling the press: "I'm not telling City Utilities Commissioner Harry K. Wolff how to vote on the proposal appeal. But I will tell Commissioner Wolff that if I were a member of the commission I would not vote to take an appeal."

UC's CAMPANILE, 397 feet high, is cracking. University experts are studying it, trying to find out why, and whether it may become dangerous. Incidentally, did you hear that the job of repairing the White House in Washington may cost $10,000,000? They say it'll be like one of those little repair jobs of putting a new flivver under the radiator cap.

SAFEWAY TOILET COVERS are off their bases, says a court ruling. Can't be called that any more. The name Safeway is reserved to a certain chain of this-and-that-stores well known to Californians. Took the Ninth Federal Court of Appeals in a 2 to 1 vote to make the way safe for vegetables and such. Judge William Healy was on the losing end, voting for the toilet covers.

EX-CONGRESSMAN CLARENCE LEA of Santa Rosa will lobby for the big transportation outfits. The official title of his new job is: Director of Governmental Relations for the Transportation Associataion of America. Lea is the man who sponsored the anti-Petrillo Law. He was in Congress 32 years, decided not to run last year and was succeeded by Hubert B. Scudder, over the opposition of organized labor

25 OAKLAND POLICEMEN, at a cost of $3800, will be given careful training at the recently established Police Academy at Santa Rita Prison Farm. The 25 have all passed civil services exes but have had not previous training.

BOOST THE SALES TAX one cent, says Senator Byrl Salsman of Palo Alto, to pay for the increased cost of old age pensions authorized under Proposition No. 4. The present tax of 2½ cents to the dollar would jump to 3½ cents to the dollar under his proposal.

HAUL TRUCKS BY SHIP between "the great metropolitan centers of Los Angeles-Long Beach and the San Francisco Bay cities," and thereby revive coastwise shipping and cut down the congestion on the California highways, says Captain W. N. Bradley, a former California Congressman.

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United Employers Make Report

Management's Negotiating Agency Concluded 106 Agreements for 868 Firms in Year: Thumann Says "Large Share of Credit Goes to East Bay Labor"

United Employers' Release

"Eleven years of sound progressive leadership and intelligent work in management-labor relations by United Employers, Inc. have brought about a new, temperate business climate to the East Bay," R. C. Thumann, executive vice president of the employers' group comments in reviewing strike activities for the last year.

The strike barometer dropped sharply; from 46 in 1947 to 27 in 1948 for Alameda and Contra Costa counties, which represents a 41.3% decrease. The number of workers involved dropped to less than 15,000 —about one-third less than the 1947 total.

This is a remarkable record when compared with the national figures just released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which show about a 10% decrease in the number of strikes and almost no decrease in the number of workers involved.

NEW LOW IN OAKLAND

However, due to the oil strike late in the year, total man-days of idleness in the East Bay jumped to 528,000 about a one-third increase over 1947. This state-wide stoppage, which began early in September, accounted for almost a half of the workers involved in all strikes in the area, and for over two-thirds of the total man-days lost due to work stoppages in 1948. Lost wages, due to the oil strike, alone, amounted to approximately 5 million dollars in 1948. Based upon average earnings for workers during 1948, total wages lost due to strikes in the East Bay amounted to over 7 million dollars.

Oakland hit a new low with only 14 work stoppages during the year, 9 of which also affected other communities in Alameda or Contra Costa counties. Alameda county's record of 19 stoppages and less than 159,000 man-days lost compares quite favorably with pre-war years.

WAGES MAIN ISSUE

Resulting almost entirely from the oil strike, work stoppages in Contra Costa county accounted for 70% of total man-days lost due to strikes in the two counties.

As in 1947, wages were the principal issue in work stoppages beginning in 1948. About three-fourths of the strikes were settled on management's terms, or ended in compromise.

Twelve strikes were called by AFL affiliates and 11 by affiliates of the CIO; however, the CIO stoppages involved over 70% of total workers and about 78% of total man-days idle. The remaining 4 strikes were called by I. A. M. affiliates.

Over half of the strikes were called against single firms. Relatively few strikes involved multi-employer bargaining units.

United Employers, Inc. took part in almost 150 separate contract negotiations with labor unions during 1948. Only 3 strikes occurred while United Employers was representing East Bay firms in negotiations. The association assisted in settling a number of other stoppages already in progress at the time it was called upon for help.

EMPLOYERS' COUNCILS

It is worthy of thought and note that these three strikes called against members of United Employers, represent only 3.3% of total workers involved in stoppages in the East Bay; less than 1% of total man-days lost, and slightly over 1% of the wages lost.

Thumann pointed out that employers councils, such as the United Employers, whose membership is a cross section of all businesses and industries in the area in which they operate, show a consistent record of high achievement in improving industrial peace. He attributes this achievement to the technical skill and the "know-all" experience and accumulated knowledge, both local, and national, that organizations such as the United Employers have at their command as tools with which to build or repair industrial accord.

IN ON 106 PACTS

During the year, United Employers, Inc. concluded 106 labor agreements on behalf of 868 member firms of its 1300 total membership. Included among these 106 agreements were about 40 master contracts negotiated for bargaining groups within the over-all association. These master contracts served as a guide in a number of industries and so are followed by many additional firms. Including the 868 member firms, at least 1,100 firms are known to adhere to the 106 agreements concluded by United Employers, Inc., and hundreds of others are assumed to follow suit. Approximately 40 additional contracts were being negotiated by United Employers' negotiators as the year ended.

The greatest number of strikes, (11), was called against durable goods manufacturers; however, the 8 strikes which affected non-durable goods manufacturers accounted for almost three-fourths of total man-days idle. Three work stoppages which involved transportation and warehousing firms accounted for almost 56,000 man-days of idleness in comparison with 78,000 man-days lost for the 11 stoppages in durable goods manufacturing.

"CREDIT TO LABOR"

While the greatest number of strikes began during the month of June, the greatest number of man-days lost due to strikes was experienced in September. Although 17 strikes began during the first 6 months of the year, over 70% of total man-days lost were registered during the latter half of the year.

Only 8 of the 27 strikes were of more than one month's duration; however, these stoppages involved almost 70% of total workers and over 90% of total man-days lost due to strikes.

"A large share of the credit for the East Bay's new business climate goes to labor," Thumann stressed, "for its capable and far-sighted approach to management-employe relations. Labor leaders, as well as employers," Thumann stated, "are learning fast that their mutual problems can be thought out, instead of fought out, in the interests of both, as well as in the interests of overall community welfare."

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

Thumann especially credited the Alameda County Central Labor Council as being an important factor in the sharp decline in 1948 strikes. (AFL work stoppages were down by about one-half in terms of number of strikes, workers involved, and man-days idle.)

Thumann explained that when negotiations between an employer member or bargaining group of the United Employers and a union affiliated with the Central Labor Council have reached a deadlock, and the union is seeking strike sanction, it is customary for officials of United Employers and the Central Labor Council to consult with one another and explore possible solutions acceptable to the parties to the dispute. Many potential strikes are averted by this sane approach to problems, Thumann emphasized, thus saving business and labor untold thousands of dollars, and the community the many inconveniences which result from strikes.

Similar cooperation exists between I. A. M. affiliates, unions affiliated with the CIO and the United Employers, Thumann stated.

PEACE BRINGS PROSPERITY

That industrial accord in a community is a sure magnet in drawing new business and new industries, as well as encouraging expansion of established plants and firms, is borne out by the facts that during the first 11 months of 1948, 55 new industries were established in Alameda county, with an aggregate investment of $7,818,500. As a result 930 new jobs were created, with an annual payroll of $2,790,000.

During the same period, there were 88 major expansions of existing plants in the country, representing an investment of $14,562,300, and accounting for 1,109 new jobs and an annual payroll of $3,327,000.

While Thumann claims no vaticinal powers, he declared that prospects for industrial accord for 1949 in the East Bay seem good, and depend, to a large extent on continued cooperation between management and union leaders.

Both management and labor in the area, he pointed out, must work out and settle their problems on the basis of home-ground economy, rather than playing follow-the-leader on so-called "patterns" established in other parts of the country, or depending on legislation for solution of problems.

"Industry, and union leaders, too, are fast learning that wages, alone, do not create job satisfaction," Thuman believes. "Evidence shows that employees place high value on the non financial rewards, such as interesting work, job security, the interest the company takes in them, and the chances for advancement.

If the East Bay, one of the most highly unionized areas in the country, continues to improve its business climate, through a sane approach to management-labor relations, it can well serve as a pace setter for the rest of the nation, Thumann predicts.

Bay Congressmen Divided On Bridge Crossing Plan

Associated Press dispatches from Washington state that Congressmen Miller, Havenner, and Welch favor the southern crossing for the new bridge across the Bay, and Congressman Allen favors the parallel crossing.

Allen, according to the AP, has appealed to the Armed Services to let the State of California decide where the bridge is to be.

Trib Learns Harry Bridges, P. Murray Not in Ageement

The Oakland Tribune recently ran the following:

A three-way split in Oakland's political-labor front developed as Arnold Campo, vice-chairman of the Northern California CIO-PAC, denied his organization has entered the movement to recall so-called "labor members of the City Council.

Campo, representing the PAC group formally recognized by the National CIO, disavowed a statement issued by Paul Chown, assistant to the secretary-treasurer of the Alameda County CIO Council, which defended the councilmen now under fire.

"It must be first understood that the Alameda County Council does not represent the National CIO," Campo declared. "Any statement it issues is a misrepresentation of CIO policy. The Alameda County Council has refused to follow National policy and has no standing whatsoever.

"Secondly, our position in the recall movement has not yet been determined. Our representatives attended the meeting of the League for Better Government only as observers. They are to report back on the action proposed at that time, and the official CIO-PAC will then determine whether or not to participate:

"No decision, either way, has yet been made, and any effort to commit the CIO-PAC, whether for or against recall, is entirely unauthorized," he concluded.

Campo's announcement pointed up a spit between left-wing and right-wing groups inside PAC. He represents the right-wing faction which is officially recognized by the national CIO.

He said Chown is spokesman for the left-wing group which has been repudiated by the national organization.

Chown took "sharp issue" with "certain union officials" who are backing a move to recall Mayor Joseph E. Smith and Councilmen Vernon Lantz, Scott Weakley and Raymond E. Pease.

Those "union officials" were identified as J. C. Reynolds, business representative for the Alameda County Building Trades Council, AFL, and Osborne Pearson, public relations counsel.

Reynolds and Pearson are leaders in a movement to recall the men they claim to have elected two years ago. They charge the councilmen they "put into office" have failed to keep pledges for lower taxes, better transportation, improving housing, and on other issues.

Chown defended the four councilmen and indicated the Alameda County CIO Council will fight the proposed recall.

(Editor's Note: There certainly is no great news in the fact that Arnold Campo of Phil Murray's CIO and Paul Chown of Harry Bridges' CIO don't see eye to eye in things political. As for rehashing the story about Jack Reynolds and Osborne Pearson joining the recall movement, that's the story of thing you can expect to see in the Trib from here on out in the local political campaign. As we stated before, and as the Trib might have the decency to state itself, no official action has been taken by the AFL's official political organization in this county concerning the City Council recall talk, and Reynolds' statement is entirely his own, as Reynolds himself would be the first to say.)

Port of Oakland Enters Overtime Case Battle

Port of Oakland Release

W. Reginald Jones, Oakland port attorney, has been authorized by the Oakland Board of Port Commissioners to represent the Port of Oakland in the "overtime on overtime" case brought before the U. S. District Court by Charles Alkins against the Waterfront Employers.

Jones told the Board that a summons in the case has been served against A. H. Abel, Port Manager and Chief Engineer, and that he was confident that the statute on which the action is based does not apply to municipalities. He will enter the case and ask for a clarification of the statute and the Port of Oakland' liability under it.

ASK FOR THE UNION LABEL!

Pegler Begs 'Fair Trial' For T-H Law

Post Enquirer

NEW YORK—Westbrook Pegler, Oakland Post Enquirer columnist, addressing students at the Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University, on Dean Carl W. Ackerman's invitation to discuss labor unions, told an overflow class session that **"the Taft-Hartley Law has never been given a fair trial, and needs about four years of impartial non-political administration."**

Anga Bjornson in Legal War Against Alleged Leftists

The Fellowship of Humanity, which has for some time owned and used the former Lutheran church building at 411 28th street, is engaged in a legal dispute over the ownership of that property.

Six persons, headed by Anga Bjornson who claim to be the lawful officers of the Fellowship have filed suit in Superior Court through their attorney Clarence E. Rust, alleging that a group has moved in on the Fellowship, with the intent of establishing a political unit "dedicated to furthering the political line of Russia."

The attorney alleges that "it has been suggested that the building may be used as a new location for the Oakland branch of the California Labor School."

HERE ARE THE NAMES:

Listed as the plaintiffs are Anga Bjornson, president; Donald M. Sanford, first vice-president; Dr. Iva H. Hader, second vice-president; John D. Hinds, third vice-president; Mack Nicolaysen, secretary, and E. O. Corson, treasurer.

Named as defendants are A. R. Mueller, who claims the presidency, and the insurgent directors and officers F. C. Fincken, F. J. Mathews, Eric Lind, George H. Smart, Anna Meier, Lucy Hibbard, Theodore Bradley and Walter F. Kennon.

HOLLAND ROBERTS TALKS

E. O. Corson, who has long been one of the leaders of the Fellowship, claims that the group against which the action is brought carried on such "continual interruptions and disruptive tactics" that it was impossible to conduct the annual meeting, but that as he attempted to adjourn the meeting he was seized and held while some of the records of the organization were grabbed by the other group.

An AFL man who is a member of the Fellowship telephoned to The Labor Journal that "for some time I have been protesting the fact that the new element which has come in lately has been getting Hollard Roberts, educational director for the subversive California Labor School, to come over and give talks on world affairs. You can imagine what he's been saying in those talks!"

The Labor Journal is informed that many of the original members of the Fellowship of Humanity were followers of J. Stitt Wilson, people who believed in Socialism but never gave any allegiance to Communism.

Anti-Red is Nabbed for Wearing Mask of Stalin!

John Despol of the CIO United Steelworkers widely known for his criticism of alleged Communists in the CIO, was according to dispatches from Los Angeles arrested for wearing a mask of Joe Stalin on city streets.

It happened thus, say the dispatches.

Despol was helping to picket pickets of the leftist persuasion who were protesting against a Grand Jury probe of Commies. This interested press photographers, and in a spirit of fun Despol donned a mask of Stalin for them.

But it seems if you wear a mask that violates a Los Angeles ordinance, so a cop grabbed Despol red handed or Red-faced, or whatever.

But look—Despol proved he was on Federal property, so that let him out, as it seems you can wear any mask you please on Federal property. Next!

Patronize the Advertisers in The East Bay Labor Journal!

Havenner Tells Congress About GOP Effort to Red-Smear His Candidacy

Congressman Franck R. Havenner of San Francisco spoke for an hour in the House of Representatives Monday, telling of the efforts made during the last campaign to smear him with Communism.

Havenner said that a committee of Congress in holding hearings on the Pacific Coast had cooperated with this attempt. He said that "the campaign manager of my opponent for Congress . . . offered financial inducements to William Patrick Brandhove . . . to give testimony which would link my name with alleged Communists and with organizations which were alleged to be subversive."

Havenner said that Brandhove in an affidavit declared that William Mailliard, Havenner's Republican opponent for the seat in Congress, suggested that Brandhove run for Congress so Brandhove could "tag Havenner as a Communist," Brandhove later to withdraw in Mailliard's favor.

Congressman John McCormack, Democratic floor leader, said at the conclusion of the speech that Havenner is "one of the finest Americans I've ever met."

(Editor's Note: Two things about this are interesting to note: 1. Mailliard, Havenner's opponent referred to in Brandhove's affidavit, has been appointed to Governor Warren's staff as a $500 a month secretary. Evidently Warren thinks Mailliard is one of the "finest Americans" HE ever met! 2. The S. F. Examiner, which didn't print recently the fact that Havenner has sued it for $350,000 in connection with this same "Red smear" campaign against Havenner, did not print a word about Havenner's speech. Yet the Examiner dares to criticize Pravda for not printing news against the Soviet Government!)

Trib Says Wage Boosts Will Add to Purchasing Power Now Needing Aid

The Oakland Tribune in its January 10 issue ran the following editorial under the heading, FOURTH ROUND:

The new year will not be very old before labor as a whole takes definite steps for a fourth round of wage increases since the war. Last November 16 Henry Ford II declared that a fourth round was "probably inevitable." The day previous Secretary of Labor Tobin had estimated that the earnings of 16 million or so workers had failed by 9 percent to keep abreast of the cost of living.

With a buyers' market replacing a sellers' market in many fields, employers will try to absorb new wage outlays, as far as possible, without raising prices. To the extent that the increases cannot be absorbed prices will rise—or at least stop falling. It may be, too, that some employers, finding easy profits no longer to be had for the asking will prove willing in 1949 to suffer walkouts rather than yield to labor's demands again.

The more cheerful side of the picture is that labor now has the benefit of expert advice from its own economists on how new wage increases would affect the national economy. And any increases achieved will add to purchasing power at a time when this seems in need of aid.

Eclair Pastries Shop is Organized by Bakers

Business Agent Otto Mueschner of Bakers Local 119 reported to the Central Labor Council Monday night that Eclair Pastries Shop, 2468 Telegraph avenue, Berkeley, has been organized, and that union members should trade there.

The Doe Shop, less than a block away, at 2426 Telegraph, is non-union, said Munschner, and he said that it was understood that some of the workers there get wages far lower than union scale.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS-AFL, won an NLRB ruling against the James B. Kearney Corp., of St. Louis, Mo., and the company union established by the corporation's president nearly 12 years ago.—(LPA)

Labor Member Raps Rent Board's Plan For the Landlords

Jeffery Cohelan as a labor member of the Rent Advisory Board for Alameda county has expressed emphatic disapproval of some clauses in the resolution adopted by the Board, the complete text of which was printed in last week's Labor Journal.

The resolution as printed on page 3 of The Labor Journal under the heading "Rent Control Extension Urged by Local Board — With changes," contained this recommendation:

"That the adjustment provisions of the rent law and regulations be liberalized to assure property owners a fair return upon their investments, including appropriate rent adjustments to cover increased operating expenses."

COHELAN'S LETTER

Cohelan, who is secretary of Milk Drivers and Dairy Employes' Local 302, had on January 3 sent the following letter to S. Lennart Cederborg, chairman of the local Rent Advisory Board:

"This is in reply to your letter of December 21, 1948, in which you describe the unofficial action of general Advisory Board meeting at which we were unable to get a quorum.

"While I can appreciate the problem of attendance the week before Christmas, I am unable to be sympathetic as to the arbitrary limitations and conditions of acceptance which were established in connection with the resolution.

"Not only do I wish to protest these conditions, but I wish also to express flatly my disapproval of the resolution as drafted. In order to make perfectly clear the basis of my objection, let me point out that I am in complete agreement with the general consensus of the Board that there should be a tightening up of enforcement provisions if we are to have effective rent control.

"On the other hand, I am unalterably opposed to anything so gratuitous and general as a statement about 'adjustments' for operators based upon operating expenses, or a so-called 'fair return on investment.' It would seem to me that at the very minimum these generalizations require definition."

Printing Specialties in Paper Box Negotiations

Printing Specialties Local 382 along with the sister Local 362 in San Francisco is engaged in negotiations with the paper box plants. Wages is the principal issue.

This week CLC Assistant Secretary William P. Fee and Wendell Phillips of San Francisco were the labor representatives in a meeting in San Francisco with William Storie of the S. F. Employers Council and "Rudy" Thumann of the United Employers. The negotiations have reached a fairly critical stage.

Military High Mass For Son of David J. Clark

A military high mass for Raphael David Clark, son of David J. Clark, 1177 Regent street, Alameda, was offered Monday, January 10, at 9:30 a.m.

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Richard O'Donnell, rector of St. Francis de Sales church, Oakland, conducted the last rites.

The father of the deceased is a member of Carmen's Division 192, and also has been a member in good standing for six years of Shipfitters Local 9.

Green and Murray Both Endorse Dean Acheson

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Republican Senators sniping at the appointment of Dean Acheson as Secretary of State were set back on their heels by endorsements of his appointment from AFL President William Green and CIO President Philip Murray.

Green, in a statement to the press, said that the AFL will support Acheson's confirmation.

Murray congratulated Acheson on his appointment in a letter to the nation's new chief diplomat.

CLC to Probe Number of State-Paid Men in Fight Against Proposition 13

The Central Labor Council Monday night asked its Executive Committee to investigate and find what action could be taken about State officials who engaged in the campaign against reapportionment of the State Senate, No. 13 on the ballot in the last election.

Joe W. Chaudet of Typographical Local 36 called the matter to the attention of the Council, citing press reports that Harold P. Norton, special representative of the State Department of Public Works, had admitted to an Assembly committee that he had campaigned against No. 13.

The point was made that if one man on salary from the State was now known to have been working against No. 13, doubtless many more men paid by the State had done the same.

Since Governor Warren had denounced No. 13 during the campaign, even though as a Vice-Presidential candidate it was not necessary for him to take part actively in State politics, it was felt by the Council that the question would bear careful investigation.

The Labor Journal learns from Assemblyman Frank Dunn Jr., member of Painters Local 127, that Norton did tell the Assembly committee that it had been "a pleasure" to campaign against No. 13, and that Norton said he had been asked by Senator George Hatfield to do so. Hatfield later told the press that this was so, and some contend that Norton did not violate the Hatch Act in so campaigning.

AVC Forum On East Bay's Transit January 27th

AVC Release

Oakland (Downtown) Chapter of the American Veterans Committee, the only major veterans organization to favor outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, will present a public forum on the East Bay transportation on Thursday, Jannary 27, at 8 P. M. in the Rose Room of the Oakland YMCA, Telegraph and Hobart.

The panel discussion will include representatives of the Key System, the Carmen's Union, the Bay Area Transportation League, and the League for Better Government.

Chairman Harold Tucker has extended a cordial invitation to the general public as well as to veterans.

Oakland Rent Case Filed

U. S. Govt. Release

The Office of the Housing Expediter has filed suit in the Federal District Court in San Francisco against an Oakland landlord to compel him to refund $570 in rent overcharges and against several San Francisco landlords in the amount of $3,338.42.

The suit filed by the federal rent agency charges that Charles and Emma Westwood, 3805 Clarke St., Oakland, overcharged five of their tenants.

Will Dave Jenkins Move In For a Custer's Last Stand Against the Wall?

A report has been published that David Jenkins, director of the California Labor School, may replace Paul Schnur as secretary-treasurer of the San Francisco CIO early in February.

Schnur has held office for seven years, but has been in poor health for some time.

The S. F. CIO Council is one of the rebel Council which refuses to follow the Phil Murray line, and strings along instead with the Harry Bridges group. CIO rightists claim the S. F. Council has been running very short of money.

The California Labor School has been repeatedly charged with being a Communist front, and Jenkins as its director has received much publicity along that line.

(Editor's Note: If they do move Dave Jenkins in, it's doubtless for a last stand! As we used to say when learning to run a typewriter: "Now is the time to come to the aid of the party!")

NOTHING PERSONAL

(Continued from Page 1)

the M of D drive . . . and are out pushing the drive much harder because of this slight . . . Many of the delegates (as one old timer put it) seem to come to the CLC to see just how quick they can adjourn the meeting and get off to something else.

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A lot of BTC boys seem to be a little upset over the drive the Labor Journal is making on the Oakland Board of Education . . . and it's a little hard for them to differentiate between the political and the economic . . . The appointment of Nat Edwards to the City Planning Commission was received with hearty commendation by the Labor movement . . . Most all of the Teamo chiefs of the Oakland area are in Chicago attending a conference, planning on new organizational drives to organize the unorganized.

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Talk has already started on the 1950 Demo State ticket when all present major state office holders will have to face the electorate and the new found confidence of the Bourbon Party . . . To date, names mentioned for the Oakland City election are Lewis, Smith, Botta, Bargas, Goldfarb, Guidotti, LInotti, Rishell, Youell, Morcom, McCracken and a couple of unidentified "dark horse" candidates . . . The nomination by President Truman of Herbert Erskine for that Federal Judgeship was an honor well deserved and which organized labor feels the best man was picked for the job . . . The ADA "FDR Memorial Dinner next Friday night should have a good representation of Labor present."—And that's that!

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Ching Blasts T-H Law in His Report As U. S. Conciliator

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Cyrus S. Ching, former U. S. Rubber Co. executive, now head of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, attacked the strike-stalling machinery of the Taft-Hartley law in his annual report to Congress.

Ching's forthright report was in sharp contrast with the claims of Taft-Hartley backers, like the old Joint Congressional Committee on Labor-Management Relations, which have attempted to "whitewash" the anti-union law, and credit it with solving the problem of "industrial peace."

Here are some of the points made by the government's number one industrial disputes mediator, which Congressmen bent on amending the Wagner act when it is repassed will take into consideration:

1—The Taft-Hartley law's 80-day "national emergency strike" injunctions have tended to "delay rather than facilitate settlements." During the "cooling-off period," Ching points out, both sides have usually left questions open rather than knuckling down to them around the bargaining table. The evidence, Ching says, suports either a shorter "cooling off period" or one of indefinite duration. In some cases injunctions made the "cooling off period a warming up period."

2—Denying to fact finding boards, as Taft-Hartley does, the right to make recommendations makes them incapable of mobilizing public opinion in support of a proposed settlement.

3—In virtually all cases "settlements which are negotiated by the parties themselves without the aid of third persons are the best and lead to the most stable relations."

4—Both state and federal mediators in the Taft-Hartley era were "guilty of un-necessarily interceding in labor disputes."

5—Ching recommends that parties to a dispute be required by law to participate in conferences called by FMCS. Some employers and a few unions have refused to do so in the past, Ching revealed.

Senator Humphrey Favors Bipartisan Liberal Bloc

WASHINGTON (LPA) — There are enough votes to pass all of President Truman's civil rights program, if the members of Congress "are sincere and honest" about the pledges in the Democratic platform, Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) told reporters.

"If they're not, there will be some serious trouble in the days ahead," the labor-backed Senator warned.

Meeting reporters in his capacity as newly-elected chairman of Americans for Democratic Action, Humphrey paid high praise to President Truman's gallant fight for election, and indicated that ADA members had been greatly impressed by the increasing liberalism expressed by the chief executive.

He frankly admitted that ADA, which participated in the "anybody-but-Truman" movement before the Democratic national convention, had found itself greatly heartened by Truman's actions.

Reverting frequently to the civil rights fight, Humphrey asserted that this was one issue on which a "bipartisan domestic policy" is possible. He pointed to the fact that "men of both parties are on the side of progress and enlightenment.

Monotony is the awful reward of the careful.—Alfred G. Buckham.



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AFL European Spokesman Says Reds' Only Hope is To Wreck Marshall Plan

U. S. Govt. Release

PARIS — The Communists' only hope of keeping their present strength is abandonment or partial abandonment by France and other European countries of the Marshall Plan, Irving Brown, the American Federation of Labor's European Representative, said here.

He predicted that with the Plan in full operation, the labor union strength of the Communists would "wither down" to a small militaristic core within 6 months.

"I believe that in 6 months the Communist-dominated General Confederation of Labor will consist of only a small militant group, similar to the Greek guerrillas and representing no more than 10 percent of the workers in France," Brown said.

PLAN TAKING HOLD

He added that since the formation of the anti-Communist labor union "Workers Strength," the movement to break away from the Communist union web has been steadily gaining momentum, and that once economic stability is achieved in the nation with the help of the Marshall Plan, the CGT will be drained of "all its millions of fence-sitters."

Brown stressed the fact that the Marshall Plan is just beginning to make itself felt. He pointed out that at present the Communist-dominated union, with its six million members, is about twice the size of the "Workers Strength" organization.

The American Federation of Labor is backing the Workers Force to the limit, Brown asserted. He declared that it is France's only hope for putting an end to such 'tragic episodes" as the recent mine strike, which was opposed by the great majority of French workers.

WORKERS NOT FOOLED

"The French working man is no fool," the American labor leader said. "He knew that this strike, as well as those in the ports, were political in nature and not intended to better his condition. Very soon, the CGT will consist exclusively of a few professional troublemakers who will continue to do their all to ruin the French economy. But the mass of workers will not follow them."

Brown pointed out that the mine strike was a success from the Communist standpoint, since it did slow down the Marshall Plan considerably. He added, however, that it is inevitable that each succeeding strike will get less and less labor support, unless misery in France increases as a result of any reductions in the European Recovery Program.

Hindu Seamen Are Rushed To Bay Area by Airplane

Port of Oakland Release

Carrying 52 Hindu seamen recruited in Bombay for the motorship G. S. Walden of the Orient Trade and Transport Company at anchorage in San Francisco Bay, a round the world DC-4 plane of the Transocean Air Lines arrived at the Oakland Municipal Airport.

Following the arrival of the plane, the men were transferred to two water taxis of the Harbor Tug and Barge Company in the Airport Channel and taken directly to the tanker lying in the bay.

A few of the men, however, were taken to an Emeryville slaughter house in order that they could kill enough mutton for the crew's consumption during voyage to Australia, Sumatra, and other points in the Far East and the Persian Gulf. Company officials said the men may only eat meat which has been killed by themselves.

The flight marked the first time that any of the men have been transported by air.

The plane which brought them across the Pacific left the Atlantic Coast of the United States and continued around the world on various commercial operations in Europe and the Near East before proceeding to Bombay to pick up the Hindu seamen. The men completed 13,000 miles of travel, while the plane completed 20,000 miles.

The Walden, a British vessel, underwent repair work at the Bethlehem yard.

Armour Job Rights Won

CHICAGO (LPA)—The hard fight of the United Packinghouse Workers-CIO for full restoration of job rights to 77 Armour & Co. workers in two Chicago plants was won.

When last spring's bitter packinghouse strike ended the Armour firm refused to rehire about 350 workers in its various plants across the country. The recent victory brought the number in which Armour has "backed down" up to 150.

The 77 all return to their jobs "without discrimination and without prejudice" under an agreement concluded by the UPW grievance department. Many of them are local union officers and shop stewards who played leading roles in the strike.

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Working Girl Needs Twice Her 1941 Pay

UC's Heller Committee for Research in Social Economics announces that a single working woman living in San Francisco in 1948, in order to maintain a "wholesome standard of living" would have to spend $184.82 each month, or $2217.77 for the year, representing a 100 percent increase over expenses in 1941.

Harriman Invites Union Aid for ECA

PARIS (LPA) — Special Ambassador W. Averell Harriman U. S. Marshall plan chief in Europe, praised the contributions of the trade unions of both Europe and the U. S. to the success of the European recovery program, and invited democratic unions to take an even bigger role in rehabilitation efforts.

"ERP owes much of the free democratic trade unions of Europe for progress made in 1948 toward the rebuilding of self-reliant nations united in their purpose of establishing more stable and secure living for all," the Ambassador declared.

"Trade unionists of Europe who have come forward not only to support, but also to actively further the Marshall plan, have become a leading force in the European reconstruction effort. The willingness of trade unions to assume this leadership to accept their full share of the responsibility in the advancement of European recovery has firmly assured the success of the plan," he explained.

Commenting on the aid the Economic Cooperation Administration received from the AFL and CIO, when reactionaries in the 80th Congress were trying to cut its appropriations, Harriman said: "The confident backing given to the Marshall plan by the American labor movement from the start made possible the enactment and realization of the full scope of the program."

Confident of continued ECA success in 1949, Harriman asserted: "We are heartened by the assurance of unremitting cooperation of the free trade unionists of America and Europe through the coming year. We welcome their increased participation in our work in order that 1949 may bring even greater progress along the road to a better standard of living and a firm world peace."

Both the AFL and CIO in their fall 1948 conventions said that the success of the Marshall plan is the keystone of American labor's foreign policy program.

Seceding Leftist Union Hit by NLRB Ruling

WASHINGTON (LPA)—A "left-wing" led independent union, which seceded last year from the CIO was the first union to be hit by the NLRB for violation of the T-H law which forbids a union to strike when another union has been certified by the board as exclusive bargaining agent for a firm's employes.

Trial Examiner William F. Scharnikow ruled that Local 1250 of the Department Store Employes' Union-unaffiliated had no right to strike the Oppenheim Collins store in New York to force its recognition as a bargaining agent. In a recent NLRB election the Retail Clerks' Protective Association - AFL was chosen bargaining agent by a 276 to 108 vote of the Oppenheim Collins workers.

The "left-wing" group, which seceded from the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Workers-CIO when called upon by that union to file non-Communist affidavits with the NLRB, challenged the validity of the election because it was not on the ballot. Schernikow said, in accordance with T-H, a non-complying union may not appear on ballots.

Last September the NLRB obtained an injunction against Local 1250 ordering the union to stop picketing the store. The following month a federal district court found the local guilty of violating that injunction. Now the local is appealing the contempt ruling in circuit court.

Renewal of Rent Control Has Congress Priority

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Proposals for a new rent control law, to replace the one expiring March 31, will have top priority before the two Congressional Banking Committees.

Sen. Burnet Maybank (D., S. C.) announced that his Senate committee will start hearings on rent control January 24. And Rep. Brent Spence (D., Ky.) who will head the so-far unorganized House committee has pledged quick action.

Unions will support a rent control law far more effective than that proposed by Housing Expediter Tighe Woods. Sen. Francis J. Myers (D., Pa.) has already drafted a measure which would extend rent ceilings for 27 months. It would recontrol new dwellings (removed from controls by the 80th Congress), and would apply to converted dwellings and permanent hotel units, including apartment hotels.

Tenants in new dwellings decontrolled by the last Congress might have rents rolled back to levels prevailing for comparable controlled units in their area, under Myers' bill.

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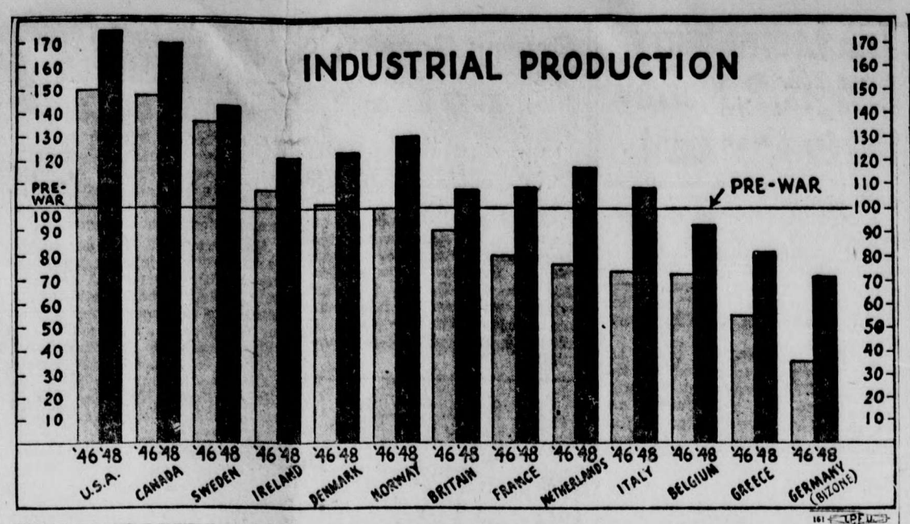
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MARSHALL PLAN PROGRESS — The success of the Marshall plan for European recovery can be seen from this chart prepared by the AFL Research Department. The heavy black bars show 1948 production country by country, after about half a year of Marshall plan operation, contrasted with 1946 output—the gray bars. That little black line cutting across the graph marks pre-war 1938 levels. LPA

Vallejo Textile Clerks Report On Long Struggle With Chains

The Labor Journal which is published for the AFL unions in Vallejo and Napa printed the following in its issue of December 24, and a marked copy of it has been sent to The East Bay Labor Journal:

The 15th week of the dispute between the textile Clerks and Vallejo Retail Trades Bureau found the Bureau stores staying open evenings in the hope of attracting in a few extra dollars worth of business—a long standing chain store policy, which meant 12 and 13 hour days for employes.

Labor has maintained that the labor policies of the textile stores is inspired by the Chains who comprise a majority of the executive board of the Trades Bureau.

Chain store strikebreaking policy adopted by the textile stores is hurting all business in Vallejo by driving shoppers to nearby communities where the chains have other stores. Thus the power of the chains grow and all Vallejo pays tribute to that growth, including scores of local independent merchants whose employes enjoy the five day week.

LONG HOURS

The chain stores got their start through long work hours and long store hours which the independents never tried to compete with mainly because they wanted time off for themselves and their employes to attend church and other civic and cultural matters.

Except for a short time during the war the downtown stores have not been open evenings since 1941.

Commercial affairs had reached such a pass in Vallejo this week mainly because the public was disgusted with labor relations as practiced by the Retail Trades Bureau Stores.

The most recent example of the Chain Store and Trades Bureau public relations was their attempt to go behind the back of an official Clerk negotiating committee to arrange a strike settlement that would have given Clerks the option of working 40 hours in six days or 33⅓ hours in five days at an hourly rate would have meant a cut in weekly take-home pay.

WANT 5-DAY WEEK

The striking Clerks turned the offer down because they could not live on the pay such an offer would have given them. They ask that the present six day forty hour week be changed to a five day forty hour week with weekly pay raises that will bring their wages up to a par with those paid in other Bay Area textile stores.

Just what the strikers would face if they went to work without a decent contract was evident from what happened to a picket who returned to his job last week. He formerly worked on a salary and commission basis that brought him about $70 weekly. He found $40 in his first check after his return to work. After the employer had him back he could take it or leave it.

However, most textile clerks who have been on strike work on a straight weekly salary.

The clerks had dug in for a long siege this week. Many of the pickets had been withdrawn and placed in other jobs. Those remaining on the lines were receiving money from the Clerk benefit fund based on the hours that they put in.

STRIKE STILL STRONG

Despite this lessening of the total number of pickets, the effectiveness of the strike was apparent from reports the Clerks were getting from many sources. Normal business for many of the struck stores was off in some cases more than fifty percent.

Labor is Dissatisfied With Congress T-H Plans

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Leaders of AFL, CIO and unaffiliated unions have expressed their dissatisfaction with the plans of the chairmen of both Congressional labor committees on the procedures of Taft-Hartley law repeal.

Since both Sen. Elbert Thomas (D., Utah) and Rep. John Lesinski (D., Mich.) are generally favorable to labor's position on basic federal labor-management policy, union chiefs refrained from publicly attacking them. Instead they are pointing out to the chairmen, and to pro-union members of the committees, the fact that their approach violates labor's understanding as to what it could expect from Congressmen it did so much to elect.

The unanimous judgement of the labor movement is that Taft-Hartley should be repealed and the Wagner act reenstated immediately. Then labor will consider all proposals advanced in good faith for amendment to the Wagner act.

Sen. Thomas introduced a bill calling for replacement of Taft-Hartley with the Wagner act, as the unions have urged. But, he said, his committee will consider "non-controversial" questions like federal aid to education and minimum wage increase first.

Union spokesmen in Washington fear that this will mean postponement of Taft-Hartley repeal in the Senate till late in the session, with labor subject to Taft-Hartley prosecutions in the meantime, and a lot of politicing about the exact provisions of a new labor relations statute.

Meanwhile Rep. Lesinski, while agreeing that Wagner act reenactment should have priority in the House committee, announced that his group will consider amendments to the act now, so that repeal of T-H, reenstatement of the Wagner act, and its amendment can all be achieved in "one package."

Labor opposes this plan, on the grounds that sound amendments to the Wagner act are more likely to emerge after it has been restored, that in the course of political manuevering by pro and anti-union legislators about a "one package" deal.

S. P. STRIKE still set for January 18, to tie up much rail service in several Western States, but Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen continued to negotiate this week.

Anti-Discrimination to Be on April 19 Ballot

The Oakland City Council in voting unanimously to place the proposal for an anti-discrimination commission on the April 19 primary election ballot brought to a head an issue under discussion for some time.

The measure, providing penalties for discrimination in employing labor for municipal work, was introduced by Councilman Vernon Lantz on December 23, after it was recommended by the Mayor's Committee on Civic Unity.

The Council recently voted 5 to 4 against adopting it as an ordinance, and then voted to place it on the April ballot.

The four who voted for adopting it as an ordinance were the Councilmen elected with labor backing in 1947: Lantz, Mayor Joseph E. Smith, Scott Weakley, and Ray Pease.

Those who voted against adopting it as an ordinance were Councilmen William J. McCracken, Fred Morcom, Cliff Rishell, Frank J. Youell, and Frank B. Shattuck.

Carmen Win $2,00,000

NEWARK (LPA)—In a $2,000,000 decision the New Jersey state arbitration board awarded 6400 AFL transit workers a 15½c hourly pay boost, setting the highest bus operators' wage standard in the New York-New Jersey-Pennsylvania area. The union is the Amalgamated Ass'n of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employes-AFL.

More than $1,000,000 was paid immediately to the employes of the Public Service Companies, one of the largest bus companies in the world, which operates in New Jersey, with lines running into N. Y. and Pa. Payment of 13c of the 15½c raise was made retroactive to July 1.

The award culminates nine months of bargaining by the union. Talks for a new contract began last April, two months before an old agreement expired.

Shoe Worker Head Dies

NEW YORK (LPA)—Death of United Shoe Workers-CIO president, Rocco Franceschini, came after a two week's illness. He had previously been secretary to his union's joint council here.

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18,200 More Apprentices In Building Industry Were Added During 1948

U. S. Govt. Release

NEW YORK, N. Y. — The year 1948 witnessed an increase of 18,200 apprentices employed in the construction industry, a gain of 16 percent over 1947—reaching a record high of 133,250, William F. Patterson, Director Bureau of Apprenticeship, U. S. Department of Labor, told the apprentices in the electrical industry here.

He addressed the graduation ceremony held by the Vocational and Apprenticeship Committee of the Joint Management-Labor Industry Committee of the Electrical Industry, which is in charge of the area-wide apprentice-training program in this industry in New York City.

In the electrical industry alone, Patterson said, there has been an increase of 1,650 apprentices during the past year—from 17,350 to 19,000, 1,300 of whom are employed in New York City.

Honored at the ceremony were 54 graduates who were awarded certificates of completion, and 16 apprentices promoted to the fifth and last year of the apprenticeship term. Addressing the apprentices, Patterson said, that they represented a total of nearly 734,800 hours of work and study during their training—including 668,000 hours of work performed on the job and 66,800 hours in the classroom.

Patterson pointed out that there is still a serious shortage of craftsmen in some trades, and that this shortage will become even more acute if additional skilled workers are needed for the national defense program.

Taft-Hartley Law Shows How Far it Can Grow!

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Another NLRB ruling showed how the jurisdiction of the Taft-Hartley law can be extended. A $325 electrical subcontract on a construction job was termed in typical NLRB language, "embedded in a network of commercial relationships which in their ramifications manifestly affect commerce."

Trial Examiner Earl S. Bellman based his decision on the fact that the electrical contract involved in the case bought materials in interstate commerce and took work from firms doing interstate business.

Bellman ruled against General Counsel Robert N. Denham's contention, however, that a local of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers-AFL had violated the Taft-Hartley's secondary boycott ban. He pointed out that the electricians picketing the project on which non-union electrical work was being done was an exercise of free speech. When members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters-AFL quit the project they did so voluntarily without "coercion" from the electricians.

"Undoubtedly picketing is often a more effective form of 'speech' than private conversation because it exposes the dispute to public attention," the NLRB official pointed out. "It has come to constitute a symbol for some people, calling for cohesion among those sharing or sympathizing with certain group interests."

Austrian Typo's Appeal

MADISON, Wisc. (LPA)—An appeal for assistance from a printer in Vienna, Austria, has reached Local 106 of International Typographical Union-AFL here.

The message, which will come before the local at its February meeting, was addressed to "Wisconsin Typographical Union, United States of Nord-America, in Madison." It tells a typical story of a craftsman who lost his sickness pension when Hitler liquidated the free Austrian trade unions, whose doctor tells him he must eat foods he cannot afford at black market prices.

AFL unions all over the country have sent CARE packages to such colleagues overseas, including $75,000 worth during the recent holiday season.

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Nine Main Points In Truman Budget

WASHINGTON (LPA) — A far-reaching program that will add to the security, health and well-being of the American people was contained in President Truman's annual budget message to Congress.

The stunning total of $41,858,000,000 proposed for federal expenditures led many reporters and commentators to lose sight of what labor officials said was the most important part of the budget plan—its provisions for our human and natural resources. The proposals now up to Congress are these:

1—To start a national health insurance program, accompanied by improved services and facilities for public health and medical care—$283,000,000.

2—To extend old-age and survivors insurance to "nearly all" the 25,000,000 persons who work but are not now covered, with sharply raised benefits, women permitted to draw benefits at an earlier age, and higher part-time earnings permitted—$726,000,000.

3—To provide disability insurance "to protect against loss of earnings during illness or other temporary disability, and to assure continuing annuities to workers who become permanently disabled and therefore unable to earn a livelihood."

4—To improve housing standards for middle and low-income families, and carry out the housing activities of the government—$388,000,000.

5—To promote public education—$326,000,000 (contrasted with $39,000,000 now.)

6—To conserve and develop agricultural land and water resources—$65,000,000.

7—To conserve other land and water resources—$940,000,000.

8—To develop and control atomic energy — $725,000,000 (contrasted with $634,000,000 now.

9—To increase Labor Department budget and thus restore its ability to meet increasing needs for mediation and conciliation, for current economic information, and for training workers—$187,000,000 (contrasted with $184,000,000). This includes $1,000,000 to set up a National Commission Against Discrimination in Employment (FEPC), and $9,000,000 for a proposed industrial safety program.

AFL Sends $75,000 CARE Packages to Unionists

NEW YORK (AFL News)—More than $75,000 worth of CARE packages was sent as Christmas gifts to trade unionists in Europe and Japan by the Labor League for Human Rights, official relief arm of the American Federation of Labor and a member agency of CARE.

This was announced by Stanley C. Elsis, AFL representative on the CARE staff, who has just returned from Chicago, where he enlisted the support of the city's Federation of Labor for CARE's program. Mathew Woll, AFL vice president, is also a CARE vice president.

"The holiday gifts," Elsis pointed out, "were only part of the hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of CARE packages AFL members have sent to needy trade unionists overseas, both through the Labor League and their local unions, since CARE was organized three years ago.

"In recent months, AFL aid sent overseas has included CARE packages for the striking French coal miners, and 1,000 CARE food packages which were flown into Berlin for the relief of trade unionists in the blockaded city. Through the CARE program, AFL will continue to send help to its fellow trade unionists across the seas, wherever that help is needed."

One of the most popular features of the recent AFL national convention in the Netherland Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati, was the AFL-CARE display set up directly outside the Hall of Mirrors where the sessions were held. Hundreds of delegates stopped to read the posters and examine the contents of the CARE woolen suiting, standard food and turkey packages. Elsis and his assistant, Madeline Dillon, were on hand to answer inquiries and take orders.

Leading figures in AFL were photographed at the exhibit. They included President William Green; David Dubinsky, ILGWU president; Joseph Weber, president emeritus American Federation of Musicians and AFL executive board member; Charles J. McGowan, president, International Brotherhood of Boiler Makers, Iron Ship Builders and Helpers; President Hutchings, Vice President Doherty and Secretary-Treasurer Hicks, International Office Workers Union. The photos will appear in the publications of the respective unions headed by these officials. Another visitor at the AFL-CARE display was President Truman's roving ambassador, Averell C. Harriman.

The display received excellent coverage in the press. The national AFL's Weekly News Service carried a two-column story which was picked up by AFL weekly papers.

NEWSPAPER GUILD-CIO members in Baltimore, assisted by national Guild officials, are working hard to make sure they win an NLRB bargaining agent vote which will be conducted within the next few weeks.—(LPA)

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Union Labor Seeks Prompt Action on Health Insurance

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Encouraged by President Truman's call to Congress to enact "without further delay" a system of prepaid medical insurance which will enable every American to afford good medical care, union spokesmen are pushing for early Congressional hearings on the measure.

Supported by the unions are companion bills, S-5 which is before the Senate Labor Committee, and HR-783, which is before the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. Sponsors include Senators James Murray (D., Mont.), Robert F. Wagner (D., N. Y.), J. Howard McGrath (D., R I.), Claude Pepper (D., Fla.), Dennis Chavez (D., N. M.) and Glen Taylor (D., Idaho) and Rep. John Dingell (D., Mich.).

Contents of the bill, according to Legislative Representative Margaret Stein of Committee for the Nation's Health, provide:

1—A system of health insurance, national in scope, and covering approximately 85% of the population. This includes employes, self-employed persons in business for themselves, and their dependents.

2—Insured persons eligible for benefits would be entitled to medical and dental service from general practitioners and specialists, home nursing care, hospital care, laboratory service, x-rays, expensive prescribed medicines, eye glasses and special appliances.

3—Free choice of doctor and dentist by the the patient is guaranteed, as well as the right to change one's choice.

4—Every qualified doctor, dentist, nurse and hospital is guaranteed the right to participate or not, and to accept or reject patients. These guarantees apply to organized groups of practitioners, clinics, consumer cooperatives and similar health service plans as well as to individuals. Every hospital that participates is guaranteed freedom from governmental supervision or control.

5—Payments for services would be made from the insurance fund instead of the patients having to pay the costs directly. The method of payment is to be decided by the practitioners who furnish the service. The legislation contains guarantees that the amount of payment will be fair and adequate to physicians and hospitals.

6—Provision is made for grass-roots administration of the program. In each local area, administration would be carried out with the help and participation of local citizens, including members of the medical profession. Each state is given the right to administer the system through its own state agency, and to divide the state into local areas. The state plan must meet certain general requirements stated in the bill. At the federal level, administration is under a five-man board, assisted by an advisory council of lay and professional people."

Jewish Committee's Work Praised by Wm. Green

WASHINGTON (AFL News) — President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, extending "fraternal greetings and personal felicitations" to the American Jewish Committee on the occasion of its 42nd anniversary, praised the work of the committee in "the promotion of individual and collective freedom, preventing racial discrimination and for the protection of the civil and religious rights of Jewish people in all sections of the world."

In a letter to Dr. John Slawson, executive vice president of the committee, President Green said: "No one can adequately appraise the value of the humanitarian service which the American Jewish Committee has rendered during its existence. It has stood steadfast in its support of the creation of the Republic of Israel and in the promotion of the legitimate aspirations of the Jewish people in Palestine.

"I commend the American Jewish Committee upon the excellent service which it has rendered and I express the hope that in the future it will continue to serve, not only the Jewish people, but all classes of people in the United States, who jealously guard the basic freedoms which are cherished in our beloved country as a common heritage."

The message from President Green was sent for the occasion of the 42nd annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee, which will be held at the Hotel Astor in New York on January 21-23. Approximately 500 Jewish leaders from all parts of the country are expected to attend the sessions to plan programs in support of civil rights and fundamental freedoms in America and throughout the world and against fomenters of bigotry and hatred.

FE Defies Phil Murray

CHICAGO (LPA)—Grant Oakes, president of the 40,000-member United Farm Equipment Workers-CIO, said that the union's executive board had voted to defy national CIO instructions that it merge with the United Auto Workers-CIO.

When he appeared before a special committee of CIO Vice Presidents Emil Rieve, Jacob Potofsky and Joseph Curran, Oakes asserted he did so only out of "courtesy." FE doesn't recognize CIO's right to consolidate it with the UAW, which has succeeded in organizing a large portion of the farm equipment industry.

"Your committee carries absolutely no status with our organization," Oakes told Chairman Rieve.

Farm Employment Drops

WASHINGTON — Farm employment of 9,223,000 persons on December 1 was the lowest on record for that date, the Agriculture Department reported. The December 1 figure, about 2 per cent below a year earlier, represented a decline of nearly 2,000,000 from November 1. The department said that rain had reduced farm employment in some areas, particularly the South.

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State Federation Urges Unions To Help Organize All Teachers

Following is the State Federation of Labor's press release on the endorsement of the State Federation of Teachers' organizational drive which The Labor Journal reported last week. The endorsement was given after Ed Ross of the local Teachers' Union, president of the State Federation of Teachers, had addressed the State Federation's Executive Council.

After listening to a detailed report of an extensive organizational campaign to be conducted by the California State Federation of Teachers, the Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor enthusiastically endorsed the contemplated drive to organize the unorganized teachers in California, and calls upon all organizations to give unstinting support, financially and otherwise, to this important campaign.

After a severe internal struggle, the present leadership of the California State Federation of Teachers was successful in eliminating the communistic disruptive elements within its organization, and, as a result of this housecleaning, is now in an excellent position to bring organization to the teachers who are sorely in need of it.

ORGANIZER CHOSEN

The Federation has itself pledged financial and organizational support to this campaign, but cannot stress too strongly the need of similar support of this worthy effort coming from all other organizations in the various localities.

Miss Victoria McAlmon, who has had considerable experience in organizing teachers, has been designated as the organizer and will proceed to implement the program that has been formulated. The Teachers will work in cooperataion with the California State Federation of Labor in developing the campaign.

LETTER TO TEACHERS

In an open letter to all California teachers, the California State Federation of Teachers explains why they should affiliate with organized labor, pointing out that it was labor which gave the public schools of this country their real impetus, that it was labor which was responsible for the expansion of public education in this country, that it was labor which has fought persistently and perseveringly for greater financial support of the public schools, that organized labor has been education's most constant protector and champion, and that labor was the first to sponsor and secure federal aid to education.

The open letter also makes clear that every local of the American Federation of Teachers is autonomous: that labor does not and will not dictate to the teachers' organization any more than any other International Union within the American Federation of Labor suffers from any authoritarian rule; that the organization is run democratically, with complete freedom, but will have the support of the trade union movement.

NEW LEADERSHIP

The greatest handicap the teachers have faced heretofore has been the disruption within its ranks which has now been removed.

With new leadership in the California State Federation of Teachers, devoted to the principle of sound trade unionism and citizenship, it is anticipated that great progress will be made in the campaign to organize the unorganized teachers in California.

7 Ways Boss Can Balk at Negotiating

The California State Council of Retail Clerks reports that the NLRB has in various decisions turned up seven ways an employers can refuse to negotiate:

1. Refusing consent to a card check or an election to gain time so as to make inquiry as to the union's strength.
2. Refusing to discuss a grievance with a certified union.
3. Refusing to produce wage data vital for the discussion of wage rates.
4. Requiring an agreement on wages as a condition to bargaining on other subjects.
5. Holding back repeatedly the proposal of an arbitration clause which the employer had agree to make.
6. Announcing a unilateral wage increase after having asked for a temporary recess of the bargaining conferences.
7. Make an offer and then retract it after union has accepted it.

AFL-TVA Labor Relations Policy is Praised by Committee of Congress

WASHINGTON (AFL News) — A group of AFL unions and the Tennessee Valley Authority were showered with lavish praise for their outstanding success in developing a sound, successful policy of labor relations.

The source of this accolade was the Senate-House "Watchdog" Committee on Labor-Management Relations, which was set up under the Taft-Hartley law. Significantly, the report, which was prepared by 3 of the committee's staff members, was not published during the tenure of the 80th Congress on grounds that it could not be completed in time for approval by the full committee.

The report singled out the AFL's Tennessee Valley Trades and Labor Council and its officers for special praise for their work during TVA's 15 years of life in helping to create labor relations which "have been relatively free of strife and discord."

The survey analyzed the reasons for this remarkable success and came up with the following 5 factors which it said were most important:

1. TVA directors early adopted a work policy known as "force account," making the agency itself the employer for construction projects.

2. The management "has proven by its deeds that it is constantly striving to deal fair and square with labor."

3. "Labor has complete trust and faith in the motives of TVA."

4. The Tennessee Valley Trades and Labor Council is composed of "responsible unions."

5. Officers of the council are "real labor leaders, men of exceptional ability and character."

6. Both labor and management "know the value and meaning of cooperation."

7. TVA keeps the council fully informed of all things of interest to it.

8. TVA directors and officers dealing with labor policy "have on the whole been competent, intelligent and realistic individuals."

"There is nothing in the labor policies of TVA that smacks of paternalism," the report said.

The reasons for the success gained in the industrial relations of the Tennessee Valley Authority are strikingly similar to those reported on by the National Planning Association in its current study on the "Causes of Industrial Peace." In its 3 reports issued thus far, 2 of which involved AFL unions, the planning group has stressed the same factors of mutual trust shown by the parties, the absence of paternalism, the responsibility of the unions and their leaders, and many other developments which served to place labor-management relations on a firm foundation.



LABOR ENDORSES—Dean Acheson, named by Truman to take Marshall's place as Secretary of State, received hearty endorsements from both AFL and CIO. Acheson (left) chats with his new undersecretary James E. Webb, in the park across from the White House.—(LPA)

Significance of Supreme Court Ruling on Hot Cargo Analyzed

The Labor Journal reported briefly in last week's issue the refusal of the U. S. Supreme Court to interfere with the California Supreme Court's ruling that the Hot Cargo and Secondary Boycott Laws are unconstitutional. Following is the State Federation of Labor's analysis of the importance of the court's action:

The United States Supreme Court has refused to interfere with the ruling by the California Supreme Court of a year ago that the state's "hot cargo" and "secondary boycott" law was unconstitutional. The Court stated that it does not have jurisdiction to review the California decision.

The appeal from the State Court's ruling was made by Farmer Brothers, a coffee importing and distributing firm in Los Angeles.

This marked another victory in the 12-year fight waged by the California State Federation of Labor against labor injunctions. Readers of the News Letter are no doubt familiar with the victory of the Federation in the Blaney case, in which the infamous "Hot Cargo" Act was set aside and annulled by the California Supreme Court by a vote of 6 to 1. The Blaney decision held that a picket was not in contempt of court for violating an injunction against picketing the product of a struck employer.

PICKETS RELEASED

Following the Blaney decision there were a number of cases involving pickets who had been adjudged in contempt for product picketing, sometimes called "secondary boycott," and in all of these cases the picket was released from custody and the contempt commitment annulled under the authority of the Blaney case.

The firm of Farmer Brothers, which had brought a number of injunction suits against various labor unions and individuals, was the loser in one of these cases in which a picket named Lillefloren had been cleared of contempt charges. Attorneys for Farmer Brothers went to the Supreme Court of the United States with a petition to rehear the Lillefloren case and to annul the Blaney decision. For some reason, the Supreme Court of the United States granted what is called a preliminary writ of certiorari and set the matter down for hearing.

"CARGO" IN GRAVE

The mere granting of the temporary writ caused disturbance and uneasiness to the Federation as well as to the union movement in general, and elaborate briefs were filed in behalf of the State Federation of Labor and other parties. When the matter came on for hearing on January 10, 1949, however, the Supreme Court of the United States threw the case out, thus refusing to interfere in any way with the Blaney decision.

So the late "Hot Cargo" Act remains in its grave, and even its memory will soon be a thing of the past.

Clarence E. Todd handled the Blaney case for the Federation and wrote the brief for the Federation in the Lillefloren case. Attorney Sokol of Los Angeles was associated in the case and submitted arguments before the Court. Mr. Thatcher, attorney for the American Federation of Labor in Washington, D. C., also participated in the submission of the case to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Fortune Magazine Says Catholic Trade Unionist Group Gaining Strength

The Monitor: Catholic Weekly

Catholic social action doctrine, which offers a "radical yet positive philosophy, with concrete social and economic objective," has become an increasingly important factor in the American labor movement. Proof of this is supplied by the current campaign to clean the Communists out of key CIO posts.

This is the view of Fortune, business monthly, which in its January issue looks into the part played by Catholic "labor priests" and the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists in recent labor development.

Fortune says that about one-fourth of all American labor leaders are Catholics, and they, together with such non-Catholics as Walter Reuther of the United Automobile Workers, welcome Catholic support in battling Communists.

A "RISING FORCE"

At the same time, the magazine holds, "all of them carefully avoid public approval of organized Catholic labor activity." The rising force of Catholicism in American labor, according to Fortune, was the subject of "considerable backstage discussion" at the recent Portland CIO convention, at which President Philip Murray struck out so sharply at Communists.

"If the Communists issue becomes less important, it will be interesting to see if the Catholic program then has the wider influence for social progress its proponents now seek," Fortune comments.

ACTU MILITANT

Fortune calls the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists "the most militant and most criticized force on the Catholic labor front." It says that the association, especially active in Detroit, Pittsburgh and New York, has been under fire from its active enemies, the Communists, from some liberals who call it a "religious pressure group," and from some conservative Catholic churchmen, who fear that it may not always be prudent.

The magazine then quotes ACTU leader John C. Cort's "blunt reply" to those both in and out of the Church who say that ACTU can become dangerous:

"Yes, and so is life. When St. Francis kissed the lepers, there were doubtless many who pointed out that that was highly dangerous activity. The ACTU may not have the reckless courage of St. Francis, but in a smaller way it is risking contamination to bring Christ into the dirty streets of the industrial world."

AIDED TWU BATTLE

The Xavier Labor School in New York, subject of a detailed study in a recent article in Harper's Monthly, is also referred to in the Fortune piece.

According to Fortune, "partly from what they learned at (Xavier), members of the TWU and other unions were inspired to wage winning fights against Communist domination of their locals."

Machinist Warns GOP

ST. LOUIS (LPA) — Only by demonstrating in actual practice that it is concerned with the welfare of plain people can the Republican Party ever again become a dominant political force, Vice-President Al Hayes of the International Association of Machinists-AFL warned the Young Republican Club.

Expressing agreement with views of the group that the party must liberalize, Hayes warned that IAM doesn't intend to depart from its non-partisan policy even should GOP conservatives be stripped of power.

Change of party complexion is necessary for survival, he agreed, but "the problem is yours, and we can only wish your every success."

Full Employment Bill in Congress

WASHINGTON (LPA)—A bill to give substance to the long-range prosperity plans outlined in President Truman's recent messages to Congress was submitted to both House and Senate. Sponsors are: Senators James Murray (Mont.) and John Sparkman (Ala.) and Rep. Wright Patman (Tex.)—all Democrats.

Under the new full employment proposals a reformed Reconstruction Finance Corp. would be permitted to loan up to 15 billion dollars to private businesses and public authorities to "maintain the levels of production, employment and investment" called for in the President's speeches.

While existing business enterprises, including cooperatives, would have first call on the fund, money would also be available to state governments and "regional authorities," like TVA, to expand industrial facilities under their control.

TVA Report Friendly to Labor Blocked by Taft

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Senators Taft and Ball, during their reign in the Joint Labor Committee, deliberately squashed a pro-labor report on worker-employer relations in the Tennessee Valley Authority, it was discovered.

The committee reports previously published all portray labor unions in an unfavorable light, to say the least.

A United Press story from Washington stated that there was a TVA report prepared by three committees staff members, but that it was completed too late for committee approval in the last Congress. Alexander A. Christie, committee staff member who actually prepared the report, branded the UP story as inaccurate and misleading.

"Taft and Ball," Christie told LPA, "killed the report because it was too favorable to unions and too liberal." There was only one staff member who worked on the report. That was Christie, and he insists it was in the Committee's hands in plenty of time for publication. It will be published now under the new committee headed by Sen. James Murray (D., Mont.).

Coverage Increase For Jobless Urged

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Extension of the present unemployment insurance system and increasing its coverage to another 7,000,000 workers has been proposed by the citizens' advisory council to the Senate Finance Committee. Labor members of the council have gone further, urging Congress to make the jobless benefits program a national one.

Only about seven out of 10 employes are now covered by jobless insurance, the council points out, recommending that benefits be extended to employes of small firms, nonprofit organizations, federal civilian employes, members of the armed forces, and "certain workers engaged in borderline agricultural labor."

Signers of this part of the report included not only AFL and CIO men, but Edward R. Stettinius Jr., former Secretary of State and now rector of the University of Virginia, Vice-chairman Malcolm Bryan of the Trust Co. of Georgia, President Adrian S. Falk of S & W Fine Foods Co., Treasurer Marion B. Folsom of Eastman Kodak Co., President M. Albert Linton of Providence Mutual Life Insurance Co., and Vice-President Delos Walker of R. H. Macy Co.

Gyp Men Unpunished

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The automobile industry hasn't really done anything to stop the gray market in cars, Rep. W. Kingsland Macy (R., N. Y.) charged. He pointed out that the big companies have taken no effective steps to police their dealers but have merely made statements to "soothe the public."

At the same time, Attorney General Tom Clark announced that a federal grand jury at Seattle, Wash., found Chrysler, DeSoto, Dodge and Plymouth guilty of violating the Sherman anti-trust act, by fixing and increasing prices of replacement parts and engines in cars and trucks.

The companies excuse for not cancelling franchises of auto dealers who have been gypping the public is that they are afraid of violating anti-trust laws.

Supreme Court Rulings On T-H No Aid to Labor

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Two Supreme Court actions brought home the fact that labor must look to its own political and legislative work, and not to the courts, to rid itself of repressive legislation.

The highest court refused to hear an appeal from the Foremen's Association of America against the Taft-Hartley denial of bargaining rights protection to supervisors.

By refusing to hear the appeal, the Supreme Court, in effect, sustained the judgement of a lower court which upheld Taft-Hartley.

Then the court permitted the International Brotherhood of Teamsters-AFL to withdraw a suit which it had filed against Tennessee's "little Taft-Hartley" law. Union lawyers asked permission to drop their challenge to the closed shop ban in light of the court's ruling upholding similar laws in Arizona, Nebraska and North Carolina.

Food Sent to Newsmen

NEW YORK (LPA)—$10,934 in CARE packets for European newsmen have been collected by CIO Newspaper Guildsmen, ANG reported last week. Parcels went to colleagues striving to rebuild a democratic press in Germany, France, Greece and Finland.

Sewing Machine Workers' Earnings Surveyed

U. S. Govt. Release

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Hourly earnings of women performing machine sewing operations in the manufacture of men's and boys' coats ranged from an average of $1.19 in St. Louis to $1.61 in Newark in August-September 1948. This was announced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, in a study made among 10 production centers.

In four cities, with over three-fourths of the industry's employment in the areas surveyed, the averages for these operators were: New York $1.56, Philadelphia $1.38, Chicago $1.41, and Rochester $1.40.

Nearly half the estimated 24,000 sewing-machine operators in the 10 industry centers were men, although they outnumbered women sewing-machine operators almost 3 to 1 in New York. In this area, accounting for over half the men in the job in the 10 cities, men sewing-machine operators averaged $2.02 an hour on coats and $1.79 on trousers.

Cutting and pressing operations were usually performed by men and were among the highest paid jobs studied. Earnings of cutters and markers exceeded $2.00 an hour in 8 of 10 cities and ranged from $1.69 in St. Louis to $2.34 in New York.

Earnings of janitors were lowest for all jobs studied in which men were employed, with averages ranging from 76 cents an hour in Baltimore to $1.08 in Chicago.

Safety Record Dangerous

CLEVELAND (LPA)—Making it easy for RR carriers to have a good safety showing is becoming characteristic of ICC, and the Commission now requires only a sketchy report of railroad worker's injuries, International Brotherhood of Trainmen warned.

This makes it "impossible to learn if employers are obeying federal safety laws." Now without an effective means of policing accident reports, the union cautions that "official" records of carriers will improve by leaps and bounds.

Strike Figures Prove Nothing About T-H Law

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Watch out for what some of our daily newspaper writers will do with Bureau of Labor Statistics figures on strikes in the last few years. They're bound to try to make them prove that the Taft-Hartley law decreased strikes. In fact the BLS data proves nothing of the sort.

While the number of stoppages went down from 3693 in 1947 to 3300 in 1948, the number of working days lost declined only slightly—34,600,000 to 34,000,000 last year.

Compare both these with the 4985 strikes and 116,000,000 days lost in 1946 and you get the real picture. Strikes have tapered off not because of any law, but because the reconversion era of the post-war months has passed.

Nearly a third of the time lost was in coal mine disputes—heightened by Taft-Hartley provisions. Other strikes, such as those of the typographers, are also due to the existence of the anti-union law.

Truman's Tough Talk on Steel Gets Some Results

WASHINGTON (LPA) — President Truman's suggestions that the public find out whether or not the steel industry is prepared to meet the nation's needs has, despite all the industry attacks upon it, brought some results already.

The Steel Products Advisory Committee which administers the industry's voluntary alolcations program agreed to Commerce Department recommendations without a whimper. Before the elections the Committee, which is, made up of steel company vice-presidents, had threatened to disband since the law under which it has been operating expires in March.

Marshall Plan Provides 100,000 Persons in French Town With Jobs

U. S. Govt. Release

ROUBAIX, France—In this industrial center near the Belgian border, the Marshall Plan is providing productive jobs for 100,000 workers, Mayor Victor Provo said. Speaking at a city hall reception for David K. Bruce, Economic Cooperation Administration Mission Chief, Provo described the way in which the Plan is helping his city.

"What would become of our textile centers here in Roubaix-Tourcoing, with its 100,000 workers," he asked, "if credits were not put at our disposal to buy materials indispensable to the operation of our factories?

"The answer is easy; there would inevitably be prolonged unemployment with all its accompanying misery—which would be exploited for purposes perfectly clear to all of us."

Provo was referring to communist exploitation.

He told his audience that the motives of the American people in setting up the European Recovery Program were good motives.

"The American people have understood that they cannot live in prosperity if misery exists in one of the more important areas in the world," he said. "It can be said that prosperity, like peace, is indivisible."

The Mayor stressed that France must "take cognizance of the fact that American aid will eventually cease and that we would be guilty of frittering away the tremendous possibilities offered us if we did not think of and prepare for the future."

The true meaning of the Marshall Plan is known to the people of Roubaix, Provo indicated, and added that few people of the town had any doubts about it.

"We are fully aware that in accepting the aid you grant us, we are working toward the reconstruction of Europe," he said. "We are fully aware that it is with a free circulation of goods, monetary stability and economic cooperation that we can best work for real peace."

Jobless Actors to Meet

NEW YORK (LPA)—Problems in theatre employment will be considered at a special membership meeting of Actors Equity Association to be held here. Recommendations for meeting the situation will be considered.

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Truman Budget Hit by Taft and Other GOP Men

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Although Congress is in no hurry to tackle the politically hot topic of taxes, conservative leaders lost no time in sniping at President Truman's budget and his tax proposals.

Sen. H. Styles Bridges (R., N. H.), GOP leader on the Appropriations Committee, rushed into the breach to say the budget is "extravagant." And of course he pointed his pudgy finger at the social welfare recommendations—which account for all of 6% of Truman contemplated expenditures.

Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) was opposed to everything.

Sen. Harry Flood Byrd (D., Va.), leader of the conservative Democrats, while not attacking the health and security program directly did so by implication when he called for paring the federal payroll.

Republican number two man in the House, Rep. Charles Halleck (Ind.), challenged Truman to call for a reenactment of the tax cuts voted last year. A political trap for the President he thought, since such a move hit the same groups the social benefits budget is designed to aid.

Alcoa Blocks Unionists

KNOXVILLE (LPA)—Norwegian labor leaders—seven of them—visiting the U. S. under an Economic Cooperation Administration exchange program, had a hard, but pleasant schedule of visiting AFL and CIO unions, and well-tooled American plants for several weeks.

Everybody played ball till the Aluminum Co. of America refused to let one of them, a Norwegian aluminum workers union man, visit its plants.

The Marshall plan agency recouped the situation by getting Reynolds Metal Co. to invite the Norwegians to visit one of its mills—one of the few important aluminum units not run by the Mellon trust.

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SENATOR KNOWLAND'S BIG CHRISTMAS PARADE IMAGE

Senator Knowland seems to be trying very hard to attain the rank of what has been called a not-as-bad-as-Taft-not-as-good-as-Morse Republican.

The reader will find in columns seven and eight on this page some discussion of Knowland and the other "liberal" Republicans, and this curious effort they are making to attire themselves in "modern" political dress.

It is to be noted that even the Republican S. F. Chronicle in the article by its Washington correspondent points out that Knowland has voted pretty steadfastly with Senator Taft.

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As for Senator Morse, it is agreed by all that he is more genuinely liberal than the rest of these "liberal" Republicans.

Senator Morse seems to have too much knowledge of history. He remembers that at one time the late Hiram W. Johnson and the late William E. Borah were renowned as liberals or progressives, or whatever the term should be. He therefore clings to the Republican name, feeling that he thereby expresses a very genuine tradition in the GOP, that of the "Western Progressives."

Senator Knowland is doubtless influenced by this tradition also. In fact, The Chronicle's Washington correspondent endeavors to wrap the Hiram Johnson mantle around the Oakland Tribune's Senator.

But among the things to be remembered in this connection is the painful fact that toward the end it was very hard to distinguish Hiram Johnson from the conservative Republicans in his attitude. True enough, he went along with the New Deal for a time, but both he and Borah toward the end of their lives were politically trading upon their earlier reputations for genuine progressivism.

Franck R. Havenner, recently reelected as a Democratic Congressman from San Francisco, was originally a Republican, and it was quite an event in the political world when he changed his allegiance and became officially a Democrat. He was doing the sensible thing. With the rise of Franklin D. Roosevelt the torch of progressivism had passed from the liberal wing of the Republicans to the Democratic Party. Senator Morse must often wonder if he shouldn't do as Havenner did.

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In any event, labor people living under the shadow of the Knowland machine are very little likely to be impressed by the California Senator's blown-up image of himself as a liberal. It's a good show, as were those giant balloons in the shape of mythical figures which so impressed us all—especially the children among us—in the great pre-Christmas parade in Oakland.

But just as only the younger children who saw that Christmas parade hoped that the mythical figures made out of hot air and rubber would really accomplish much in the real world, so do we seasoned labor people in the Senator's home town not expect this big image of himself as a liberal to accomplish much for the benefit of the people.

SCHOOL BOARD'S LABOR POLICY

On page one of this issue we publish an account of the feeling many building trades unionists have that the Oakland School Board has through the years sponsored a fair policy toward building trades workers in construction and maintenance of school structures.

We take particular pleasure in printing this good news about the policy of the School Board, as for some time we have been printing things not so favorable about that honorable body. And while we have insisted throughout that we wished to be fair, School Board members under fire have doubtless been human enough to think that The Labor Journal is bent on conscienceless mudslinging every time we voice a criticism.

Doubtless, too, some of the building trades workers who have long enjoyed good economic relations with the School Board's business administrator have felt that everything would remain more comfortable if The Labor Journal would just lay off and think about something other than the faults of our school system.

However, we are sure that both members of the School Board and those of our AFL building trades workers who are employed by the school system realize fundamentally that there are bigger issues involved than even the issue always so rightly important to organized labor, that of good economic relations with employers.

As organized labor has advanced both in strength and in community consciousness, it has advanced in the realization that not only the direct economic relationships but the more indirect civic relationships are of tremendous importance to organized labor. To put in more simply: some hundreds of members of our building trades work for the school system at one time or another, but at all times thousands upon thousands of the children of members of all our unions are going to the public school system as pupils.

The Labor Journal as the spokesman of the AFL in Alameda county does not confine its discussions and its publishing of news to immediate economic issues with employers, whether those employers be private or public. The Labor Journal is expressing the growing sense of all our AFL people who give serious thought to the relationship of organized labor to the community—the growing sense that the school system is of the utmost importance to labor people as parents and citizens.

No matter how intelligent a labor policy may be pursued by the School Board's business representative toward some of our craftsmen, the fact remains that we are dissatisfied with the School Board's policy toward one very important group of employes, the teachers. We don't like company unions, whatever fancy name they have, and we feel that the School Board likes 'em a heap.

But quite apart from the teachers and their AFL union, in which The Labor Journal is naturally interested, there is the much broader and bigger issue of organized labor being entitled to some representation on the School Board, and to some voice in the general management of the public school system. That's the major issue we had in mind at the outset of our discussion of the Oakland public school system some time back, and that's still the major issue with us.

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FRIEND AND FOE

In Radio and Press

$5000 PER BABY is the proposal we received in the mail the other day from a local man who is backing the following plan:

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We don't know just how endless the joy of the recipient of the 5000 bucks would be, when he thinks of all those salesmen who would keep track of everybody's 20th birthday, and be Johhny on the doorstep with their propositions when the glad day came.

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PRODUCTION OF SOFT SOAP BEGUN BY NAM

Wallace Foster Bennett, 1949 president of the National Association of Manufacturers, while in the Bay Area recently told the boys from the papers that, as one financial reporter put it, "this necessity for a closer relationship, for improved human relations, between corporate management and personnel will be Bennett's theme during this year of his administration, assuming approval by the NAM board of governors. He feels sure of approval because the association, under his lead, is moving to bring to focus all available experience toward solution of the human relations problem."

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We agree that the NAM board of governors will approve this policy of soft-soaping corporate management's employes and the public. After all, even members of the NAM board of governors were probably able to read, or at least had their secretaries read to them, the November 2 news.

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S. F. YEARNS TO TAX EAST BAY RESIDENTS

"We would be in good shape now if the payroll tax had been adopted instead of the sales tax," said Supervisor Dan Gallagher of San Francisco, endeavoring to revive the scheme of a one percent tax on the pay of all persons who work in that city.

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We're no hand to boost the sales tax. But as for San Francisco imposing a one percent tax on the pay of everybody residing in the East Bay who works in San Francisco, that certainly doesn't fill us with enthusiasm.

The people who run San Francisco have long been notorious for avoiding the extension of any of their municipality's privileges free to "outsiders." Now do they expect us to support their municipal government for them?

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DURANT SAYS NORMAL TIMES ARE HERE NOW

Dr. Will Durant, author of popular books on philosophy and history, told a Bay Area audience the other day:

"The world situation is all fouled up. It always has been. It always will be. I see no reason for change, because there has been no substantial change in human nature. It is entirely normal for the victors of a great conflict to jockey into position for another war. This is going on today as it has gone on through the course of history."

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In contrast to that, we're inclined to quote something that Raymond B. Fosdick, former president of the Rockefeller Foundation, said: "In spite of all evidence to the contrary, the things that divide the world are trivial as compared with the things that unite it."

Trouble is, we got that quotation from Laurence Duggan's report to the board of trustees of the institution of which Duggan was president. Duggan had quoted Fosdick's hopeful statement in the report to the trustees he was writing just before he jumped or fell 16 stories to his death!

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SOVIET MAY CONTEST HITLER'S BIG CLAIM

Here are some of the things which the Soviet now claims were invented by Russians, not, as histories of sciences and invention wrtiten on this side of the Iron Curtain say, by mere Americans or other non-Communist people:

"Steamship engines, motorships, electric ships, oil refining, petroleum cracking, underground gassification of coal, the telephone, insulated cable, electric lighting, the transformer, transmission of direct and alternating current, radio, the airplane, the parachute, the pull propeller, contemporary rocket techniques."

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First thing you know, the Russians will claim they invented the Big Lie in world diplomacy—and if they're not careful, we'll believe them, even though we do remember that Hitler was originally the one we credited with the invention.

GETTING ALONG

Little Elsie has reached the age where she has begun to observe and reflect upon the manners and conduct of her elders.

The other day a friend asked, "Elsie, how old is your Aunt Martha?"

The youngster considered the query briefly, then replied, "Well, I don't know exactly, but a cup of tea rests her."

LEADING QUESTION

"Have a good memory for faces dear?"

"I have."

"Splendid—I've just dropped your shaving mirror."

See, I Made It!



JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES

HEALTH INSURANCE WAR IN STATE IS 30 YEARS OLD

By ROBERT W. GILBERT
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The need for guaranteed health benefits to provide adequate medical and hospital care has been recognized by the people of California for more than 30 years, but a small selfish group has been able to defeat this basic step toward social security in the Legislature—session after session.

One of the worst black marks upon the progressive record of the United States is the utter lack of sufficient medical and dental care provided for 70% of our people. Good health is undoubtedly one of the most important aspects of a decent standard of living. Furthermore, it is the backbone of a real democracy. There is a wealth of statistics proving that health standards in the United States are utterly inadequate.

It is quite obvious from these statistics that the present methods of providing medical and dental care for the people are inadequate. These figures indicate that our country was hampered in the war effort by having millions of men rejected by the army and hundreds of millions of man-days of work lost through illnesses and injuries. These figures indicate that the people who need medical care most can afford it least. There can be no question that a comprehensive program and plan of providing every worker with adequate medical and dental care should be put into effect.

NATIONAL STRUGGLE

A bill embodying complete provisions for providing adequate health care for the people of the United States was introduced on May 25, 1945 in the United States Senate by Senator Wagner of New York and Senator Murray of Wyoming and numbered S. 1050 and in the House by Representative Dingell of Michigan and numbered H. R. 3293.

The benefits included necessary medical, surgical, and hospital care as well as x-ray, and laboratory services essential to complete diagnosis. Dental services included examination and diagnosis, prophylaxis, extractions when essential to the patient's health, and treatment of acute infections. The cost of this program to the individual worker would have been 3% of the total 8% provided for under the terms of the bill. Employers would have contributed an additional 3% towards the medical provisions of this bill. If this bill had been successfully passed and put into effect, it would have brought untold happiness and health to many millions of people in the United States. Efforts to pass such legislation in the 79th Congress and the 80th Congress were fruitless.

STATE FIGHT

More than thirty years ago, Governor Hiram Johnson set up a Commission to study the subject of social insurance. In 1917, the Commission reported to the Legislature, recommending a system of voluntary health insurance. The Commission's report to the 1919 Session included proposals for the introduction of compulsory features in the projected health insurance system.

An Interim Senate Committee made exhaustive studies between 1933 and 1935, and recommended to the 1935 Session the adoption of a health insurance program. The bill incorporating these suggestions died in Committee. However, an Assembly Interim Committee on Health and Health Insurance was appointed to give the problem further study, and report to the 1937 Session. The Assembly Committee recommended still additional study with a report to be made to the 1941 Session. (1939 bills were "bottled up" in Committee as a result.)

Legislative Sessions have come and gone—and the "health insurance" hurdle has not been cleared after over 30 years of frustrated attempts.

1945 LEGISLATURE

In the 1945 regular session of the State Legislature ten bills were introduced in the Senate and Assembly on this subject. Two of the most important bills were A. B. 800 (Wollenberg et al.) and S. B. 500 (Salsman, Shelley, and Dillinger) which had the backing of the Governor as well as Organized Labor and other progressive groups. Of these ten bills sent to the Committee on Public Health, not one was reported to the floor for action. However, motions were made on the floor to withdraw the two bills and they were both defeated.

Again, on May 15, 1945 a new health bill (A. B. 2201) was sent to the Committee on Public Health, which voted to table the bill on May 29, 1945. After strong opposition by the California Association of Hospitals and the California Medical Association under the direction of Ben Reid's "Public Health League," the Assembly voted 45 to 32 on June 4, 1945 not to withdraw the bill from the Committee.

Just before the closing of the 1945 legislative session, two interim committees were established; one by the Senate with an appropriation of $20,000 under the Chairmanship of Senator Salsman of Palo Alto, and the other by the Assembly with an appropriation of $50,000 under the Chairmanship of Ernest R. Geddes of Pomona. These two committees were set up for the purpose of making adequate investigation on health conditions, to hold public hearings and to submit proper recommendations at the next session of the legislature, two years later.

1947 LEGISLATURE

At the 57th Session of the Legislature in 1947, bills providing for pre-paid medical care which had been endorsed by the Governor, died in Committee.

Labor in the State of California must not wait for the passing of a Federal law, it must increase the vigor of the fight begun over 30 years ago for a health insurance law in the State of California. Our State has led the rest of the country in most progressive steps. It may have to pioneer the establishment of proper health care for working people.

The American Medical Association has announced that it will spend several million dollars to defeat passage of any national health insurance law in the 81st Congress.

'CALIFORNIA PLAN' FOR EDUCATION

State University Release

The new "California plan" for higher education devised by a state legislative committee was recently discussed in Washington, D. C., by Dean Alva R. Davis of the University of California's College of Letters and Science.

Speaking to the Arts and Science Division of the Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities, Dean Davis estimated that California will have a college enrollment of 370,000 in 1960 and he outlined the legislative committee's recommendations for taking care of this greatly expanded student population.

These recommendations, according to Dean Davis, include: (a) the limiting of enrollments on the two major campuses, Berkeley and Los Angeles, to 20,000 students each; (b) the emphasizing by these two units of upper division and graduate work, professional training at the higher levels, and research; (c) the easing of the enrollment loads in the Colleges of Letters and Science by the establishment of three new off-campus four-year liberal arts colleges under University administration; and (d) augmenting the number of junior or community colleges and utilizing them for lower division academic and preprofessional training.

"Such a program should," Dean Davis said, "preserve the distinctive character of the university by emphasizing advanced education, training, and research. The community college, by assuming major responsibility for the lower division program, would indirectly serve as a screening device which would permit better selection at the junior level."

JOB SECURITY

"How long have you been working here?"

"Ever since the boss threatened to fire me."

An astounding effect implies an astounding cause.—Winifred Kirkland.

WOMEN *in this World*

By EDITH McCONN

THE MARCH OF DIMES campaign is well under way again. If you have not yet availed yourself of the privilege of joining in the support of this most worthy cause, do not delay any longer.

The funds raised in this annual campaign are the sole support of the agency fighting one of our greatest scourges—infantile paralysis.

Our scientists are still looking for that miracle cure which will end this disease forever. So far they have no clues, but they are not discouraged. They keep on seeking.

This search costs a great deal of money. But we all consider it money well spent. When success has been attained—as we feel it some day will be—how proud we shall all be to know that we contributed toward it!

A large part of our contributions, however, go toward the relief of those already stricken. While no cure has been found, much has been discovered about the treatment of the disease. The right kind of care, promptly given, can make the difference between life-long crippling and relative comfort for the unfortunate victims.

This is a cause which working people especially should support. We have the most children, and the least money. The average family, even if the father is working and making a fair wage, cannot begin to stand the cost of the long and expensive treatment necessary for the victims of polio.

Therefore, we should look upon this fund raised by the March of Dimes as a form of health insurance. If your child is stricken—and don't think it can't happen—he will be given all the care he may need through this fund.

This is labor's cause. Let's support it.

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County Clinic for Drunkards Is a Great Big Jump Forward

Alameda County took a big jump forward the other day when its Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance establishing a psychiatric clinic for the care and rehabilitation of the county's chronic alcoholics!

Crime experts and medical authorities have long known that habitual drunkards were desperately sick people and should have treatment accordingly. It is a long way, however, for the knowledge to become so general that it is accepted by the man on the street, or even in th office of the Supervisors.

That such knowledge is becoming general is due largely to the efforts of that remarkable organization of "cured" drinkers known as "Alcoholic Anonymous." This devoted group, who have suffered themselves, felt that the first step in curing a drunkard is convincing his family and friends that he is a sick man rather than merely a sinful one.

Now a whole county has accepted this fact and is doing something about it. We may well be proud of this for our county is the first west of the Eastern Seaboard to adopt such legislation.

It will cost a lot of money, something like $25,000 a year, to maintain this clinic, but no money will be better spent. It will be in operation in about a month, and our one hope is that other counties in California will follow our good example.

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It Is Surprisingly Easy To Get License To Kill Folks!

In a recent radio forum, James G. Black, of the National Automobile Club stated that he believed our one hope of having safer highways is to teach the youngsters how to drive while they are still in high school.

A beginning has been made in that direction, and his organization is trying to get cars put in schools for practice driving, so that the children can get real practice.

It is surprisingly easy to get a drivers' license. If you can read, if you have ordinary vision, if you can pass a brief road test and if you are sixteen years old, you get your license.

There is nothing to show how a driver might behave in an emergency. There is no way of knowing whether or not he has good judgment. There is no inquiry into his emotional set-up. Does he like to show off? Does he take too many drinks from time to time? Does he panic easily?

We usually don't get the answers to those questions until it is too late to do anything about it.

We are a careless and reckless people. And worse yet, we are proud of it.

We are taking a responsible place in world affairs these days. Isn't it about time we grew up in regard to some of these other matters? Isn't it about time we abandoned our role of being the teen-ager among nations?

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Look What's Coming! No TV, No Baby Sitter, Is New Rule!

In New York, where they have television all over the place, many parents have discovered that if you have not yet got a television set, you may have trouble snaring a baby sitter.

One mother told of receiving a call from a woman who had been referred by an agency.

"Do you have television?" was her first question. Since the answer was "no", she refused to come.

All parents who employ baby sitters have learned that they have to supply "bait" of various kinds—phonograph records, candy, fruit. But television is pretty expensive "bait." It might be easier to stay home with the kids yourself!

KIBITZER CAME IN

The quarrel was trivial and the judge asked impatiently, "Couldn't you men have settled this argument out of court?"

The defendant spoke up quickly, "Yes, Your Honor. That's just what we were doing when the police interfered."

First Principle of Taxation

By JOHN J. SWATTEM

One rule is important in taxation:
Be careful how you tax the rich.
They're skin is sensitive and the nation
Just can't afford to make them itch.

KNOWLAND TRICK

The Washington correspondent of S. F. Chronicle recently published an analysis of the career of Senator Knowland of California as a Republican "liberal." The article held that although Knowland in opposing Senator Taft of Ohio for reelection as head of the GOP Policy Committee, exposed "himself to what he knew in advance was sure defeat, Knowland probably has strengthened himself politically in his native State, as well as in the country at large." The Chronicle article goes on to point out that "Knowland acknowledged that his voting record was not substantially unlike Taft's—on 27 important rollcalls in the 80th Congress they differed only twice."

In this connection, our readers will be interested in the following article by Alfred Baker Lewis, member of the American Federation of Teachers, on "Republican Liberals:"

A group of self styled "liberal" Republican senators, thirteen in number, met to launch a drive against the reelection of Senator Taft of Ohio as Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee and to replace him with Senator Lodge of Massachusetts. They failed in their effort, which is not particularly important. What is important is that the alleged "liberalism" of the Republican party is well illustrated by the voting records of these men.

On the list of fifteen measures listed by the "New Republica" in which there was a fairly clear line-up between liberals and reactionaries, only one of these "liberal" Republicans, Senator Morse of Oregon, had a record which was two thirds good. Two voted right eight times out of fifteen. All the other ten voted right less than half the time. Senator Lodge himself voted right only as often as did Senator Taft whom he was opposing in the name of "liberalism." Two of them voted right only three times out of fifteen.

THEY VOTED WRONG

The so-called "liberal" Republicans all voted wrong on the effort to extend the reciprocal trade agreements for three years. Thus they showed their basic economic isolationist attitude, for these agreements are intended to stimulate international trade both ways. All the "liberal" Republicans were wrong in the vote to override President Truman's veto of the anti-labor Taft-Hartley law. All of them but one voted wrong to outlaw portal to portal pay. All of them voted wrong on the effort to enact the anti-inflation controls asked by President Truman and supported by organized labor.

All but Senator Morse voted wrong on the effort to enact an excess profits tax law, and all but Senator Tobey voted wrong in overriding President Truman's veto of the Soak-the-Poor tax law, which reduces taxes in such a way that a married man with two children and a $3000.00 income gains about 2% of his income after taxes and a man in the same status with a $300,000.00 income gains more than 100% of his income after taxes unless he lived in a state which had already the so-called community property law. These votes showed the extreme tenderness of the Republicans toward the interests of the wealthy.

All but two of these alleged "liberals" voted wrong on the bill to exempt railroads from the anti-trust law and only one voted right on the effort made by Republicans to restrict the application of social security legislation.

A PHONEY EFFORT

Apparently this effort to replace Senator Taft with an alleged "liberal" was merely an effort to gain an undeserved liberal reputation for a few Republican senators who are not truly liberal but who realize that the bulk of the people support the New Deal and want to extend it rather than retreat from it.

In the 80th Congress a very large proportion of the Democrats came from the Southern states and were really Dixiecrats and reactionaries, because the Northern Democratic senators who were up for reelection in 1946 were mostly defeated. Yet despite that fact, 21 Democratic senators had a better voting record than the most liberal one of the "liberal" Republicans, namely Senator Morse, who was far ahead of his Republican colleagues in his record.

DREW PEARSON WARNS LABOR

Drew Pearson: Syndicate

Now that the Democrats are running things on Capitol Hill, organized labor should be careful not to antagonize the public the way the National Association of Manufacturers did in the 80th Congress.

The American people are quick to resent strong-arm tactics by any group, and one pro-labor Senator, Utah's deep-thinking Elbert Thomas, chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, is already resentful.

What burned Thomas up was an attempt by his labor friends to dictate membership on his committee. When labor lobbyists went so far as to tell Thomas whom to hire and fire on his staff, Thomas, usually a gentle Utahan, got his dander up.

Thomas wanted to keep Senator Irving Ives, New York Republican, on his committee to give the new labor program a bipartisan approach. It was Ives, when the Taft-Hartley bill first came up, who helped Thomas override it inside the committee, and forced Taft to carry the fight to the Senate floor. In the end, Ives voted for the Taft-Hartley act, so labor objected to keeping him on the Labor Committee. Other Democrats sided with labor and Thomas was overruled. Ives retired.

However, Thomas put his foot down when labor friends tried to stack his committee staff. No Senator has been a better friend to labor than the Senator from Utah, so he decided he could be trusted to employ a fair staff.

TALK, TALK, TALK!

"Maine men seldom betray their emotions, deep as their feelings may me," remarked an old newspaper man while sipping a mint julep in the lounge of the National Press Club in Washington.

"One day, a few years ago, I was headed out to sea on a sloop and passed an inbound schooner.

"My captain took his pipe out of his mouth long enough to say to the young man at the schooner wheel. 'How d'ye do?'

"And the youngster responded: 'Nicely,' and each boat held to its course.

"After an interval the captain turned to me and observed: 'She's been in southern waters. That's my son. Ain't seen him for nigh onto two years'."

Tuberculosis is a communicable disease, spread by persons with open, active tuberculosis.

WE DON'T PATRONIZE

The following persons and firms, after a thorough examination into the causes at issue, have been deemed unworthy of the patronage of members of organized labor and their friends:

BAKERS, CONFECTIONERS
Peter Paul, Inc., 1001 81st Ave.
Hoffman Candy Co., Los Angeles Calif.

DRUG STORES
Stier Drug Co., 3407 Lakeshore, Oakland

LOCKSMITHS
All locksmiths in the East Bay area not displaying the union shop card.

PRINTING-NEWSPAPERS
Life
Time
West Coast Printing Co., 467 4th St.
Saturday Evening Post
Ladies' Home Journal
Country Gentleman

STORES
Drummond Appliance Co.— 9315 E. 14th St. (Main) 5115 E. 14th St. 1408 148th Ave. San Leandro
Clinnick Appliance Co., Fruitvale and MacArthur, Oakland.
Berland's, 1535 Broadway
Cannon's Shoe Store, Cor. 11th and Washington Sts., Oakland
Feltman & Curme, 1208 Washington St., and 1932 Telegraph Ave.
Nisley Shoe Store. 1425 Broadway
F. W. Woolworth Company, Hayward
Vine Pastry Shop 2114 Vine St., Berkeley

APARTMENT HOUSES
Graystone Apartments 26 Lenox Ave.

RESTAURANTS
White Log Taverns
Pinkies, 1221 23rd Ave., Oakland, California.

BARBER SHOPS
The Star Barber Shop, 1926 University Ave., Berkeley
Barber Shop, 5482 College Ave.

MISCELLANEOUS
Bohon or American Appliance Co., Refrigeration Service. 5126 Grove Street.
Jud Whitehead Heater Co., 4111 Broadway, Oakland West MacArthur and San Pablo, Oakland
I. Magnin Co.
E. I. DuPont de Nemours, Paint Manufacturing Co., South San Francisco
Phil's Used Car Lot, 3350 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland
Hotel Menlo, 13th & Webster Sts., Oakland
Sealy Mattress Co., 6699 San Pablo Ave.
Bannum Truck Company
Gantner & Mattern Co., 3rd and Berry Sts., San Francisco
West Coast Macaroni Manufacturing Co., 1250 - 57th Avenue, Oakland
Blackstone Mfg. Co., N. Y., Tools and Implements
National Mattress Co. 920 - 54th Ave.
National Nut Company, 362 Fourth St.
Goldstone Bros., Overalls
Portland Hotel, 476 - 9th St., Oakland
All Scale Companies not displaying the Union Shop Card.
General Refrigeration Service Co., 5777 Grove Street, Oakland, California
Rio Theatre, Park Street, Alameda.
Times Theatre, Webster Street Alameda, California.